

Schools face exam revolution

Radical plan for new framework

Donald MacLood Education Correspondent

N ATTEMPT to restore Britain's competitive edge with the most radical overhau of education and training since the war will shortly be proposed to minis-ters by Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's chief curricuum adviser

A recent draft of his forth-coming review of the curricu-lum for 16-19-year-olds, seen by the Guardian, reveals he has gone much further than expected in calling for a national framework of awards to span the full range of academic and vocational courses in schools, as well as qualifications gained through on-the-job training.

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Sir Ron's proposals: Keep A Levels, GNVQS (calling them Applied A La GCSEs and National Vocational Qualifica (NVQs). Create a new framework o

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stability by retaining the present A levels, GCSEs and vocational courses, marshalled into a more coherent systema of national awards. Teachers' leaders have al-ready welcomed Sir Ron's gradualist approach. But the effect of the cumulative levels", merging exam boards and vocational bodies like City and Guilds, and relaunching the discredited Youth Training scheme. Students would be able to follow any of three distinct pathways — academic, through GCSEs to A levels; applied, through GNVQ inter-mediate and advanced levels taken at school or college, leading either to higher edu-cation or to employment; and vocational, doing job-specific National Vocational Qualifi-

vational vocational Qualifi-cations (NVQs) while in em-ployment or in Youth Train-eeships, which could work up to a Modern Apprenticeship. Young people would be able to change pathways and com-bine courses from Altforem bine courses from different pathways as they rose through four levels: Entry. Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced.

Recommendations include: DAdvanced National Diploma awarded for two A levels or vocational equiva-lent; Intermediate National Diploma for five GCSE grade Cs or equivalent. D New Baccalaureat-style' National General Diploma at



as Adams gets US visa

David Sharrock and Martin Walker In Washington

RESIDENT Clinton nade his most ambitious intervention into the Northern Ireland peace process last night by granting the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, a new three-month multiple-entry visa, even though the IRA has

not renewed its ceasefure. The news, which came too lats for reaction from John Major and his Irish counterpart John Bruton, who are both in Thailand, angered Unionists but left nationalists and loyalist representatives

In Dublin, senior officials believe it shows that Presi-dent Clinton is willing to take a risk on bolstering Mr Adams's credibiltiy within his own movement to bring about another IRA ceasefire. That assumption appeared to be backed up in Washing-ton. "The President would not have taken this step if he did not believe, based on our con-tacts with Mr Adams, that this would further the peace process," said the official White House spokesman, Michael McCurry.

The White House stressed that the visa could be revoked instantly if Mr Adams broke his undertaking not to engage in fund-raising, and added "very important and historic is prepared to put his per-announcement" by London sonal politics before the peace Dublin that all-part talks were to start on June 10. "The all-party talks have long been a goal of our foreign policy efforts," Mr McCurry said. "This gives Sinn Fein what they long have looked for and the ceasefure needs to

by President Clinton.

ceasefire agreement by the IRA was now very close Dublin officials said they had no indication that the IRA was poised to make any new announcement, but the believe that the statement

issued by its leadership on Thursday had been misinterintrodes) has been insumer-preted by Mr Major. "The statement was based on a position that was adopted by the IRA before the Anglo-Irish communiqué was

issued," said a source. "We would still be hopeful that once the IRA has taken the time to study it they will rein-state their ceasefire." The three-month visa, which will allow Mr Adams to

come and go at will, surprised British officials, who had thought he would be granted a temporary three-day pass to attend St Patrick's Day festivities in the US.

Mr Adams will not be in vited to the White House, un like last year, and he will not have any official meetings with members of the Clinton administration until the ceasefire is formally restored. "The IRA statement in res-ponse to the London and Dublin government announce-ment of all-party talks was nuanced, but it did not rule out a decision to renew the ceasefire," Mr McCurry said. The Democratic Unionist leader, Ian Paisley, accused President Clinton of rewardthat the visa had been ing the IRA for bombing Ca-granted in the context of the nary Wharf. "It shows that he

and safety of the people of the United Kingdom," he said. But the SDLP MP for South

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James Meek in Moscow T WAS like a happy dream of bygone days for Mikhail Gorbachev. There was hardly space to blink amid the mass of journalists, photographers and camera crews squeezed into a tiny overheated room as the last Soviet leader

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held forth on communism, Nato, even Chernobyl. He was loving it. He was world statesman, Nobel prize winner, author, film star, the champion of peres-troika and glasnost, the hope of free peoples everywhere. He was tanned, he was fit, he was on a roll. Would he fight Boris Yeltsin

in presidential elections? "I will," he said. "I will." The trick with dreams is not waking up. When someone asked about the opin-ion polls, which show that the former Soviet president is supported by half of 1 per cent of voters, Mr Gorbachev seemed dangerously Mr Yeitsin, and the commu-close to regaining nist leader Gennady Zyu-consciousness. But not for ganov. But if the democrats

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of pupils who leave school without passing English and freeze on the proportion of young people sitting them — will help to secure support maths at GCSE. They will be able to take vo-cational and basic skills from the Prime Minister and sections of the Conservative courses at further education Party.

The report also attempts to broaden the range of subjects Sir Ron is consulting widely among teachers, em-ployers, and politicians on both sides of Parliament to taken in the sixth form, as urged by schools. Employers' demands for better communibuild support before delivercation and mathe skills have half of A level and allow stuing his final report to Gillian also been built into the new dents a broader curriculum. Shephard, the Education and

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Almost overnight he went from being one of the most powerfal men in the world to a political ghost, invisible and impotent in his orm construct

his own country. Unless there is an ex-traordinary shift in popu-

lar mood over the next

three months, Mr Gorba-chev has as much chance of

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Overdose death chef spent £40,000 a year on drugs

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Renzland turned up at her flat Sally Weale on November 26 and they EADING chef Marc Renzland spent £40,000 a year on drugs and when he was found dead he had taken enough heroin to kill five people, an inquest heard yesterday. Mr Renzland, aged 39, who ran two fashionable London restaurants with his identical twin brother Max, died after a three day drugs binge last Nodose of heroin, Southwark coroner's court in south London was told. His body was found on Noford, south London, belonging to a friend, Angela Lane, 23



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smoked crack non-stop until she left on November 28. The inquest was told that Mr Renzland was thought subsequently to have taken heroin with another woman. Ms Lane returned on November 29 to find him dead. A letter sent to the court by his brother estimated that Mr Renzland spent £40,000 a year Max in Hampton Wick, and Chez Max in Earl's Court.

The coroner, Sir Montague Levine, recorded a verdict of death by non-dependent use of drugs. Mr Renzland's death came three months after that of 38year-old Michael Vermeulen, the highly successful editor of the men's magazine GQ, who died of a massive cocaine

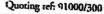
Down, Eddie McGrady, said he was not surprised by the renewal of the visa, and that he understood that Mr Adams was being allowed back into the US under heavy restrictions. be restored now." He said the British and Irish governments had been informed of Ulster Unionists were sur-

prised by the announcement on Mr Adams's visa but drew the decision, taken yesterday a small degree of comfort from the fact that the Sinn The White House carefully did not say that London or Dublin had been consulted. Fein leader had not been in-vited, as he was last year, to The clear implication of the White House's public state-ments was that a renewed Day reception. the White House St Patrick's

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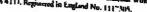
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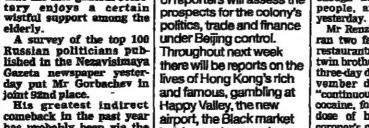
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Mackay scoms Lords backing for splitting pensions on break-up

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

E Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, sug-gested yesterday the Government would seek to reverse Thursday's crushing defeat in the Lords on its divorce reform bill, when peers backed allowing pension assets to be divided between a couple at the time of their divorce. He said he would go ahead with his plans to publish a consultative green paper in the summer. Lord Mackay said it would be very difficult to frame primary legislation to cover pension splitting — and "quite

Lord Mackay's bill already faces a mauling by Tory backbench MPs unhappy at what they regard as an excessively liberal approach

impossible" to do it within the current family law bill. His remarks prompted Op-position anger and the first signs of a backbench rebel-

lion from Tory women MPs unhappy that women should continue to lose out from divorce.

Labour's Shadow Social Security spokeswoman in the Lords, Baroness Hollis — a they realise their desire to rising star in the Labour fir- split a pension. The amend-mament — had admitted that ment is silent on the neces-her amendment had been sary pension, tax and trust broad brush, but insisted it was practical for the Government to include detailed legislation in time to accommo-date in the Family Law form bill.

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She argued pensions were often the largest single asset in a marriage, especially if the couple had been married the couple had been married for a long time. Lord Mackay's bill already faces the prospect of a maul-ing by Tory backbench MPs unhappy at what they regard as an excessively liberal ap-proach towards divorce.

But Lord Mackay - speaking the day after an alliance of 21 Conservatives, independents and Opposition peers voted by 178 to 150 to split pension on divorce — said it was proper to progress "by issuing a Green Paper to con-sider all these matters fully. The problems are very real and nothing can be done to bring this into effect for quite

a considerable time. I would say it's better to have the leg-islative provisions clearly thought out before you put them in the statute book." His remarks ran counter to initial briefings from Tory ministers that the Govern-ment would ry to accomodate the spirit of the changes in the bill when it reaches the Commons. Ministers had Commons. Ministers had strongly opposed the fresh pension-splitting move, say-ing its knock-on effects could cost the taxpayer 2600 billion and create a legal minefield. Last year the Government conceded men should be

required to pass on up to half of their pension receipts to wives on retirement. Under the amendments moved by Labour, the pension itself would be divided, but Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, the Social Security Minister, said the amendment gave "no indi-

cation to the courts as to how legislation." He also warned that in equity the same rights to pensions would have to be ber granted married non-working wives, or else the scheme would be favouring divorcees.



Ada Nightingale says she sleeps on the sofa because she can only afford to heat one room

'No one can imagine what it is like .

Teresa Hunter

A DA NIGHTINGALE has been living on temporary DSS crisis loans since Decem-ber after her former husband stopped making any mainte nance payments. After more than 30 years of marriage to a bank manager, at the age of 58 she is destitute.

Her legal-aid solicitor made no attempt to win her a share of her husband's pension during her divorce hearing in 1990, when the court awarded £200 a month maintenance.

A share of a former spouse's pension would guar-antee future financial security --- or so thought another

divorcee, Mo Whittaker of took early retirement. Then south Humberside. Her solic-itor fought for and won a 37.5 altogether. per cent share of her hus-band's pension in her divorce one can imagine what it is proceedings in the same year. However, yet another judge ily, nursed dying parents and

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Mr Langer said of his prose-cution: "It couldn't be better calculated to draw attention 13 years. The opinion polls generally show the opposition conser-vative coalition up to 6 per cent ahead, although one poll to the fact that this is not a free election." A Newspoll survey showed A Newspoll survey showed one on in five Australians would not vote if they were not required by law to turn up at the ballot box on pain of last night put only one per-centage point between the parties. Up to 15 per cent of voters are undecided.

voters are undecided. Bob Hawke, the former Labour prime minister, said for his party and his succes-sor, Paul Keating. Court rejected the appeal of Albert Langer who has been jailed for 10 weeks for urging voters to put Labour and the Liberal-National Party oppo-sition equal last on the ballot paper. The authorities, and Liberal-National Party oppo-sition equal last on the ballot paper. The authorities, and the court, consider his action Labour government." The Langer case has caused severe embarrassment to the breaks the compulsory-voting

law. Amnesty International says

wife's right to a share in her husband's pension, said: "Today's destitute divorcees were young married women in the days when unless you were super-rich you stayed at home and looked after your children. There were no conches and nurcaries John Howard, the opposiweek that it he becomes prime minister, as the polls predict, he would have com-pulsory voting — one of the sacred cows of Australian vot-"They were often aban-doned at a time in their lives

sacred cows of Australian vor ing — "looked at". Meanwhile, Labour has been damaged by letters it released claiming the conser-vatives had plans to cut funding to the states. The letters, allegedly between the Vic-toria premier and Mr Howvote," he said.

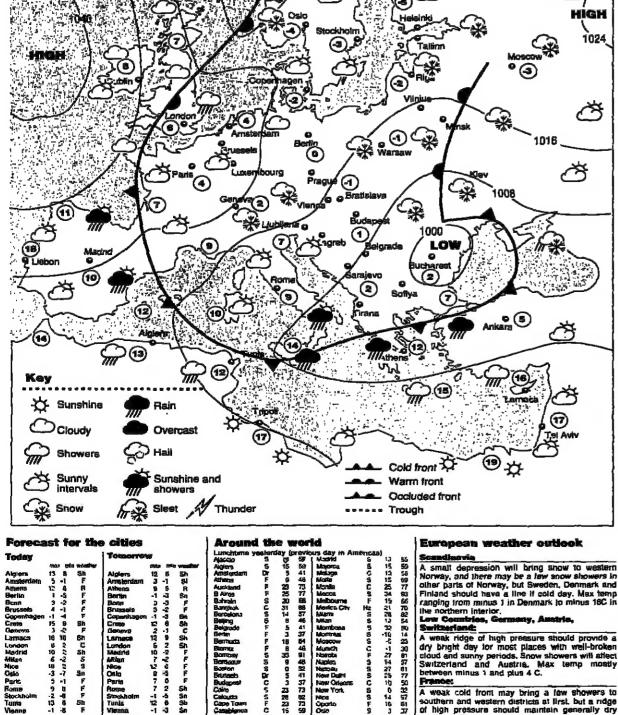
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tion leader, indicated this to the fact that this is not a week that if he becomes free election."

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good system if a citizen ends up in jail for making a sugges-tion about how you should



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Greekjudges enrage politicians as ruling supports restoration of £30m estates to former king Constantine



Mon Repos, the former royal summer palace at Corfu, Constantine's marriage to Queen Anne-Marie in 1964 (top left) and a recent picture of the ex-king MAIN PHOTOGRAPH LAMBI PAPADOPOLICS

John Ezard

OutRAGE broke out among politicians in Athens yesterday after an unexpected Supreme Court ruling which supports the restoration to former king Constanting of £30 million worth of estates confiscated from him two years ago. The 34,000 acres of land include Mon Repos, the former royal summer palace

at Corfa where the Dake of cating the properties. The Edinburgh was born. He and his family were evacu-lier ruling and will contribated from there by a British battleship in 1922 during one of Greece's earlier anti-royal convulsions. It was handed over to local people by the socialist government of the former prime minister, Andreas Papandreou. The court ruled by 25 votes to 15 that the government acted unconstitution-ally in passing a law confisin 1993.

ute to what is already an acute case of government apoplexy over Constan-tine's repeated attempts to re-establish his family in Greece. Constantine has a surprisingly strong following among the opposition New Democracy party which has been rud-derless since losing power

The government's main with the news last night, gos, foreign editor of the fear is that Constantine But he does not conceal his newspaper Eleftherotypia, could become a railying ambition to force a referen- said: "The reaction has point for the party. Last week his son Pavlos told Paris Match that the family would return to Greece if it got the property back. The court ruling is regarded as a striking vic-tory for Constantine, who campaign. lives in exile in London. He is travelling in the United States and aides said they were unable to contact him yesterday. Costas Tsapa-

dum on the monarchy in the hope that it will return him to the throne, reversing a plebiscite which de-posed him in 1974. The Su-preme Court case was seen history. as a key stage in that The ruling dominated front pages and television and radio news in Greece

ter. In London, a Greek government source said: People are very strongly asking why the judges changed their minds. They see this as Constantine's been mostly hostile. To the mass of ordinary people, the royal family is ancient way of preparing for his

Early criticism focused on the role of five judges return. The finding covers the exwho were revealed to have changed their minds since the first ruling. They were accused of violating the tate in Thessaly and the 16,000-acre Mon Repos. spirit of the law even if they were upholding its let-

Greek state council. If it ne gates the ruling a special tribunal made up of judges from both courts will have the final say. Constantine has said that

he will go to the European Court of Human Rights if The finding covers the ex-king's 10.000-acre estate at Tatol, north of Athens, the 8,300-acre Polydendri es-the does not win his case in Greece. The confiscation law also deprived family members of Greek citizenship unless they gave up claims to the crown, which The case now goes to the | they have refused to do.



As he jets into South Carolina for today's primary, the voice of the Republican right shrugs off this

from Pope Leo XII's 1891 en-cyclical, Rerum Novarum, on the duty of the Catholic church to urge capitalism to become more humane. While I believe in the market system, I don't worship at the altar of economic efficiency and I don't worship a nodern corporate culture that



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Martin Walker on the campaign trail

HIRTY thousand feet | have always been a believer ip in his chartered jet, flying to the pri-mary election to be held in South Carolina today. in the theory that America's frontier is on the Rhine, that European stability is a vital national interest." If the countries of Europe

Pat Buchanan draws a map of the world the way he would see it if he became the next Republican president of the United States

"The British are our closest allies, and an even closer American-British relationship is one I'd really maintain and encourage," he says. "You bet I would keep the nuclear relationship over Trident.

"A British independent nuclear deterrent is a force for stability and peace — and so is the French deterrent."

With the campaign for the Republican candidacy heating up - following today's vote, nine more states vote on Tuesday — the rightwing standard-bearer is running - I do believe a lot of this is in God's hands." all the harder after reverses in this week's primaries in Arizona and the Dakotas at the hands of Senator Robert

Dole and the multi-million-aire publisher, Steve Forbes. In 30 years as a commist, commentator, and White

s promes by our factories - that has no loy-alty to its fellow-citizens." People who call him isola-tionist or protectionist "sim-ply do not know what they are talking about. "Tm all in favour of free trade with compatible com-mercial partners. When I was in the Reagan White House, I Pat Buchanan: cat-loving intellectual

"Tm all for a transatlantic free-trade area, because we

have compatible systems, comparable regulations and wage levels, and our trade is in rough balance. We fit well and play by the same rules, so want to merge into a Euro-pean Union, "that is their de-cision. But I sympathise with that kind of free trade makes sense to me. "I am not isolationist. It is

the other view, which wants to keep the British pound sterling and the French franc and the Deutschmark. A cusbecause I want to preserve Nato that I don't favour extending it to central and east-ern Europe. That would be a serious mistake for the US as toms union and single mar-ket, as Lady Thatcher said, makes more sense than a new a military power. It is a bridge too far."

Pat Buchanan on the stump is one of the most effective demagogues alive. He can jab with precision at every resentment and prejudice of united states of Europe as a federal state. "You don't mess with national cultures. That's what these global elites don't understand. That's why they didn't understand the power every other angry white male in the country. A devout Catholic and anti-communist, of my campaign - why they have let me get so far that I'm becoming unstoppable. That, and what Calvin Coolidge called celestial intervention Mr Buchanan in private is a cat-loving intellectual who relishes good Chardonnay and old books. He waves aside the steward-ess offering fruit and ice lollies

Mr Buchanan dots his com-

ess onering min and ice joines and tries to define his politics by European landmarks. "Churchill, Thatcher, Charles De Gaulle — great leaders, great patriots. They all understood that the nation manis with approving refer-ences to Tony Blair's stake-holder idea, to the 19th-century protariff economist Friedrich List and to the anti-House adviser and speech Nazi economist Wilhem was what mattered: the focus writer, Mr Buchanan says, "I Roepke. He can quote at length of allegiance."

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4 BRITAIN Woman in coma awakes as mother

Blood transfusions save patient in labour | know anything, but it must have been hell for Gary. from near certain death, writes Sally Weale Now

PREGNANT woman to blood loss and breathing who almost died difficulties. Victims usu-from a rare blood ally bleed to death. Mrs Dyer, whose husband going into labour, awoke from a 10-day coma to be presented with a baby boy. Tracey Dyer bad been expecting an uncomplicated delivery when she was ad-mitted to Sunderland Gen-

in the labour ward and underwent three life-saving operations which left her in She awoke on Valentine's

Day to be presented with her 91b baby, Jordan - her second son - who was safely delivered by forceps. Mrs Dyer's condition, de-scribed as an amniotic fluid

embolism, affects one in 60,000 people and usually

A blood clot forms in the amniotic fluid, which leads Josh, she said: "I was com-pletely out of it and didn't

to stem the haemorrhage. In one 12-hour period she eral Hospital in Tyne and Wear. In the event she collapsed her life hung in the balance Staff at the Regional Blood Transfusion Service worked around the clock to pend

deliver the vast quantities of blood. One delivery was held up by a Newcastle United home game which caused congestion. Yesterday as Mrs Dyer prepared to leave the hospi-

born to be remaited at home with her five-year-old son

blood clotting products als deserve a big thanks." tal where she herself was

lucky lady.

we're all glad the ordeal is over.

"All I remember is that I was pushing and pushing and people were telling me to push. After that it is just Mrs Dyer, whose husband Gary remained at her bedblank. I knew nothing for 10 whole days. I came round to find I had the most side throughout the 10 days she was unconscious. beautiful baby boy.

underwent three major pel-vic operations in 36 hours "All I want now is to take Jordan home, have a lovely cup of tea and sit in the house with my two sons," added Mrs Dyer, who lives in Sonderland.

The consultant cian, Gavin McNab, said: "We thought we had lost her on more than one occa sion. Her survival de ed on fantastic team work by many groups of staff. All of those who donate blood for transfusion and for the preparation of

A hospital spokesman, Graham Howard, added: "People often don't survive this condition. She's a very



Safe and well . . . Tracey Dyer and son Jordan in hospital yesterday, ready to go home. During her 10-day coma she received 65 pints of blood in 12 hours PHOTOGRAPH MIKE SCOTT

If it were a matter of just one good PC review, just one award, we wouldn't think it's worth a whole ad.

The Guardian Saturday March 2 1996

Cable TV bid for cad's royal story

Edward Pillongton

IVE TV. the cable television network owned by Mirror Group Newspapers, yesterday made an aggressive bid to buy a kiss-and-tell film being touted by a former lover of the Princess of Wales.

November, has prepared an hour-long documentary on his relationship with her in the hope of securing a lucra-tive deal on both sides of the Atlantic. American networks including both CBS and NBC have already expressed inter-est in buying the film. In Britain, Live TV led the

bidding. "Of course we want this story and we will pursue it rigorously." said Nick Ferrari, the network's head of rogrammes.

However, Rupert Mur-doch's Sky satellite television network refused to be in-volved. In a statement, its head of news, Ian Cook, said: "We are concerned that the we are concerned that the film's producers would receive large sums of money for an interview in which James Hewitt does not submit himself to independent one. tioning. We reject this form of journalism and strongly urge other broadcasters to do the

The BBC dismissed the programme as second rate. The news that Princess Di-ana's affair is to face exposure on television came as her lawyers reported a breakthrough in negotiations over the divorce. Her media ad-viser said a reply had finally been received by her lawyers to a letter requesting clarifi-cation work the sector of the sector. cation over the central points f a settlement.

However, relations between the princess and Buckingham Palace evidently remained frosty. She was reported to have complained that her husband's side was "playing

ping-pong" with her. while her backers accused the pal-ace of "filling the airwaves

with press statements". A palace source retorted that Princess Diana's lawyer. Anthony Julius, was guilty of "megaphone diplomacy" after James Hewitt, a former cav-alry officer dubbed "the cad", with whom the princess ad-mitted having an affair, in her Panorama interview last furstened to scupper the

he had warned that a facts of trust between the two sides threatened to scupper the search for a settlement. Mr Hewitt's confessional film was recorded at his home in Devon by a former ITN cameraman. Sebastian Rich. Mr Hewitt is said to have been asked 170 questions on been asked 130 questions on his affair by Anna Pasternak. the author of Princess in Love, which first told Mr Hewitt's story;

Princess Diana told Pan orama she was "devastated

by the book because she had trusted Mr Hewitt. "A lot of it comes from another world, didn't equate to what happened — there was a lot of fantasy in that book." she

Hewitt is frank honest and candid about their physical relationship in the same way as the princess was in her Panorama interview

 The shadow Welsh secre tary Ron Davies apologised yesterday for giving an interview in which he said the Prince of Wales was not fit to be king because he talks to vegetables and likes blood sports. He made the remarks in an

interview recorded before news of the royal divorce, but broadcast by BBC Wales on St David's Day last night



Princess Diana: frosty relations with palace

James Hewitt: touting his kiss-and-tell film

Dr David Starkey, a consti-tutional historian at the Lon-don School of Economics, be-

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Field day for the Windsor pundits

Diana has created a media growth industry. Edward **Pilkington** reports

don School of Economics, be-lieves the intimate disclosures of the book changed everything, "When the princess willingly de-scribed to Morton, through friends, having had her head down a lavatory pan throwing up a meal, it was as if she had signed for the media a free licence to speculate." RINCESS Diana has "such low self-esteem that she cannot live without adoration", is look-ing for a new partner "big in muscle, small in brain", and Dr Starkey, who gave the Sun the "big in muscle" line, said he saw the expansion of the royal pundit phenomenon

muscle, small in brain", and is set to become, in Prince Charles's eyes, "the First Wife from Hell". And that's just wot the Sun said. Or more precisely, what a host of "royal historians", "royal authors", and "royal psychiatrists" said in yester-day's issue of the tabloid. Time was — 10 or 20 years ago — that the only people who dared to comment on the royal family were those who as positive. "It shows the country has come of age. We are grown up enough as a nation to look behind the conventions and see how the monarchy really works." Dr Dennis Friedman.

author of the Sun's "low self-esteem" sound-bite, was billed by the paper as a "royal psychiatrist" — a label he royal family were those who rejects. He did, however, write a book of what he calls "psychohad been commissioned to write official biographies. What the royal household did history" which used the pres-

not want known publicly was generally not publicised. Now you cannot move for the column inches dedicated history" which used the pres-ent and past royal families as its central illustration. He says the experience does not render him an "expert" on royal affairs, as the media would have us believe, but he does feel equipped to to the instant speculation of "royal experts". To the ranks of veteran royal correspon-dents have been added an army of commentators to comment. whom the media turns the second the latest royal bomb-For the old guard of royal writers, however, the birth of an entire industry devoted to

shell explodes. Most royal-watchers agree Windsor-watching is just too ghastly. "I think it's the age we live in," says the Countess of Longford, biographer of Queen Victoria, the Queen Mother and the Queen. "I'm gradit there's a mark that the point of no return was the publication in 1992 of Andrew Morton's book, Diana: Her True Story. It ap-pears to have given the media a green light to publish the kind of commentary verging "I'm afraid there's no way of stopping it. The only thing the royal family can do is to try and behave a little better." on gossip previously only heard in the local pub.

Cinema's hundred years seem to have the shape of a life-cycle: an inevitable birth, the steady accumulation of glories, and the onset in the last decade of an irreversible decline Susan Sontag

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Key issue is whether Aznar wins outright victory **Spain braces for** shift to the right

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PANIARDS 316 bracing themselves for a revolution in public life if, as predicted. the first conservative government since the return of democracy is elected in tomorrow's general election.

A victory by the right of centre Popular Party (PP) would bring a change of faces and agendas at every level in the bloated state apparatus. In a final attempt to unite the leftwing vote — split be-tween Socialists and a Communist-led alliance -the

prime minister, Felipe Gonzá lez, told supporters yesterday a rightwing triumph would mean "recoiling from modernity and tolerance" As he spoke, party activists waved banners with the civil

war slogan No pasarán (they shall not pass). In turn, the PP leader, José

Maria Aznar, told his sup-porters he was "just a decent man with a forward-looking programme for Spain". After 13 years in power, Mr Conzalez and his Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) are short of ideas and energy. They have lost their way in a maze of corruption scandals.

tax inspector, has run a cam-paign stressing his personal integrity and determination to clean up government. After three years of focusing public attention on sleaze, the PP leader has wallowed "in the luxury of avoiding personal attacks on the hustings". The Socialists, meanwhile, have targeted what Spaniards term the "vote of fear", stress-

ing that the PP grew from the authoritarian right embodied by General Franco. Mr Con-zalez has pointed to a track record that includes preparing the country for entry into Europe in 1986, and taming its

traditionally coup-minded armed forces. But these achievments are largely taken for granted by a new generation of voters who have known only democracy.

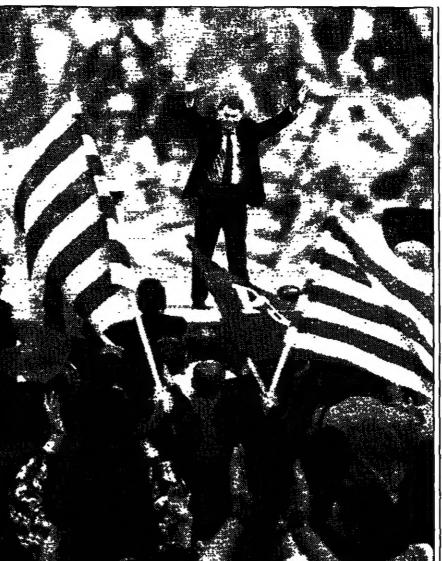
The prime minister can also claim to have extended the welfare state, and made vast improvements in the vast improvements in the country's infrastructure. Yet 1 million more people are without jobs than when he came to power. With unem-ployment among the under-25s at just over 40 per cent, the PSOE is vulnerable to the impact of first-time voters.

Mr González has not made significant changes to the country's culture of patronage and favouritism and if the

Mr Aznar, a sober former | PP wins enough seats to form a government, it too will be in a position to distribute thounds of jobs in the adminis tration and in state-funded companies and institutions. Mr Aznar has pledged to make more appointments on merit, but he will face the same pressure as his predeessors to reward those who helped him, including allies in the media and business. The main doubt on the eve of polling was whether the PP could muster enough votes

for an outright majority. Otherwise, Mr Aznar would be forced to seek backing from regional nationalists who are wary of the right's centralising traditions. If he falls just a few seats short of the 176 needed for a majority in the lower house of the Cortes, however, he would have few problems striking deals with some of the smaller regionalist groups. It would be much harder for him to persuade Basque and Catalan nationalists to back his programme. A key factor in deciding the

balance in parliament will be the share of the vote for the United Left, a coalition headed by Julio Anguita, who has concentrated his fire almost exclusively on the PSOE, in an attempt to take over leadership of the left.



Last stand . . . Prime minister Felipe González waves to supporters at an election rally in Barcelona yesterday. He is expected to lose tomorrow's elections PHOTOGRAPH: ALBERT OLIVE

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World news in brief

War crimes tribunal indicts Serb general

THE HAGUE United Nations war crimes tribunal indicted a Sarb general yesterday for his role in the shelling of civilians during the 43 months of the Sarajevo siege.

The tribunal's chief prosecutor, Judge Richard Goldstone, said General Djordje Djukic had been responsible for "the planning, preparation and execution of Bosnian Serb military operations". The charge sheet singled out operations in Sara-levo, where it said the Bosnian Serb army had indiscriminately fired on civilian targets.

Gen Djukic is expected to answer the charges on Monday. He has so far refused to co-operate with the tribunal.

On Thursday, the Guardian revealed Gen Djukic's identity as a senior officer in the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav army, which claims to have withdrawn from the Bosnian conflict. The discovery points to continued, secret military links beween Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs.

A tribunal spokesman said the detention order on Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic, a Serb officer who was extradited from Bosnia at the same time as Gen Djukic, would be extended for another month. — Julian Borger, Sarajeco, Martin Woollacott, Outlook, page 22

Cuba and US warn exiles

UNITED STATES-based Cuban exiles who want to honour four compatriots who were shot down by Cuban jets last week can hold their memorial service at sea today - as long as they stay out of Cuban waters, Havana said yesterday, But Cuba "will take neces-sary measures" ifforeign boats or planes enter its territory. Carlos Fernández de Cossio, director of American affairs at the foreign ministry, said.

President Clinton on Thursday ordered the US coastguard to escort the exile flotilla to the site where, on February 24, Cuba shot down two aircraft piloted by exiles. He warned Havana not to interfere, but also warned members of the group not to violate Cuban territory.

Where that site is remains in dispute. The Florida based exile group Brothers to the Rescue says its planes were shot down outside Cuban airspace. Cuba claims the planes were inside its airspace. — AP, Havana.

Mandela health fear

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela indicated for the first time yesterday that he might have a health problem, saying he had seen a cardiologist earlier in the day and that doctors wanted to conduct

further tests. Mr Mandela, aged 77, said he would leave today as scheduled for a three-day trip to Mali and Togo.

Rumours that Mr Mandela was in poor health, including one that he had a heart problem, have caused South Africa's rand et in value three times in recent weeks currency to plumm

Mr Mandela and his office had previously denied any problems saying the president was completely fit. — AP, Pretoria.

Indian court snub for Rao

INDIAN supreme court judges yesterday acknowledged fears that politicians may try to sabotage investigations into the country's growing corruption scandal, and warned police to report only to the court.

The ruling could be interpreted as a reprimand to the prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, the direct overseer of the Central Bureau of Investigation which is investigating the £12 million bribes scandal. The opposition has accused Mr Rao of using the affair to try to eliminate his rivals.

"You will not report to, or receive instructions in this regard. even from the authority who exercises administrative control over your organisation," the special bench of the supreme court told the police. "The CBI will take no instructions or permission or report to any authority personally interested or likely to be affected by investigations or any accusation."

Meanwhile, the ruling Congress (I) party said yesterday it would give legal aid to politicians accused in the scandal, which centres on illegal foreign exchange dealings. Six politicians, whose arrest was ordered on Thursday, were granted ball yester-

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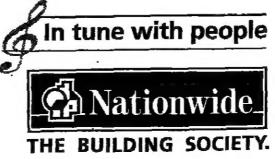
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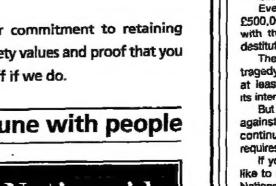
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Stephen Bates in Brussels

T WAS a tale fit to rank with any by John Le Carre or possibly Georges Fey-All EU officials deau - the story of the strait-laced British diplomat, the Russian siren and the US air force pilot.

burg billionaire and — inaybe a bit less impressive this --Brussels bureaucracy and it

Michael Emerson, the high-flying official in question, is a cautionary tale for tens of thousands of Eurocrats workthousands of Eurocrats work-ing the Brussels honeypot. In-deed Mr Emerson was the last person anyone would have suspected of being under in-vestigation by the Commis-

sion's fraud squad. Mr Emerson, one of the most senior Britons at the Commission, the man who until a few weeks ago was the European Union's ambassa-dor to Moscow, finally cleared out his desk under a consider-able cloud on Wednesday. with the censure that he had acted deplorably ringing in his ears. From the wreckage of his career he had only the consolation of salvaging his sizeable pension, about two thirds of his £100.000 salary.

The charge was that he used his position to set up a private business consultancy to take advantage of EU finan-cial aid to Russia. The ambassador claimed he was merely making legitimate contacts before retirement to establish a new career. The documents against him looked extraordinary but, although the inves-tigation continues, wrong-

doing could not be proved. Mr Emerson, aged 55, an Oxford and Harvard-educated economist had worked for the Commission for 23 years with a reputation as one of the most boring men in Brussels, but also a man of impeccable rectitude. This may be why he was picked to hand out European reconstruction money in a Russian economy swimming with sharks of

ing around Russia, inade- | through a damn movie," says quately supervised and the source of much criticism for

the laxity of the European All EU officials sign a contract pledging not to take up outside interests without permission. Official doubts arose after

Throw in their reputed en-tanglement with Russian Eurocrat's middle-aged fling. gold. a secretive St Peters- Mr Emerson last month left his wife of 30 years for Elena Prokhorova. a Russian wom-an 15 years his junior. She has been irresistible. The fall this week of kin, a Russian billionaire with whom Mr Emerson hoped to set up in business.

The colonel's vengeance was

awesome. He called in the EU's fraud squad

She in turn dumped her American husband, Colonel Marshall Michel III — a former air force combat pilot in Vietnam — whom she married only last August.

Ms Prokhorova is a fluent English speaker, formerly married to a diplomat who is now Russian ambassador to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. She moved to Brussels with the colonel just before Christmas and started a job with a Russian language newsletter, funded by the

European Commission. Last month, while he was in Washington, Col Michel received a fax from his wife announcing that how his wife announcing that she was leaving him for Mr Emerson: "It grew into friendship, af-fection and then love. I could not any more be dishonest with myself, loving one man and living with another."

When he returned to Brus erase some documants. Un-known to Ms Prokhorova, person however, the colonel's com puter had a saving mecha nism, from which he has

The EU's money — more than £600 million in the last five years — has been slosh-

Col Michel. "I am a husband scorned, there's no doubt about it." The colonel's vengeance was awesome. He read the

documents and called in the EU's fraud squad. They called in the Belgian police to inves-tigate possible involvement by the Russian mafia. The police raided the couple's flat

and Mr Emerson had to claim diplomatic immunity. Col Michel claims Ms Prok-horova told him he might become a mafia target: "People that you have only heard that they exist, but they really do"

might come and get him. The documents included series of letters written by Mr Emerson and Ms Prokhorova, apparently indicating an at-tempt to set up a business consultancy with Mr Baskin in St Petersburg. Mr Baskin, aged 36, has made a lot of money in the textile industry in the last five years after starting from

five years, after starting from scratch in a basement. So

much, he has even helped to fund a Soyuz space probe. Mr Baskin is also chairman of Consortium Europe-Amer-ica 500, which is bidding as a consultancy for European funding for new busines

The letters include one written by Mr Emerson to Coopers and Lybrand in Moscow discussing methods of payment to an account to be set up on behalf of "our con-sultancy company" at the Midland International Finance Corporation in Jersey. There is also a letter from

Mr Emerson to Mr Baskin discussing how to handle pay-ments made in gold and silver from the republic of Kirghi-zia: "My first step would be to go to a director I know at Rothschilds in London. They specialise in the physical handling and trade in precious metals and in arranging

related financing. "This should be preceded of sels he found that she had hacked into the computer to ter of finance or responsible Mr Emerson returned to

Brussels from Moscow, at the end of his five-year posting as head of mission in mid-Janu-ary. Within a fortnight he was under investigation and requesting early retirement.



Rural idyll... A detail from Corot's Landscape in the Haute Savoie (top), and (left) a self-portrait of the artist, whose works go on show today PHOTOGRAPHS' BREGEMAN ART LIBRARY

Corot exhibition in Paris to test the new trend of viewing art en masse

Paul Webster in Paris

ESS than two months after the great Cézanne the Grand Palais, a megaexhibition opens to the pub-lic today in the same gai-lery to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jean-Baptiste Corot.

London, going to Ottawa and New York when it ends attracting at least 500,000 people in Paris alone. The Corot, which clashes

with The Hague's tribute to Johannes Vermeer, is the

exhibition, along with Canada's Beaux-Arts Museum

Corot was influenced by Poussin and Lorrain be-fore, in his turn. he inwith modern attitudes to sian shopkeeper parents artshows. More than 3,200 until his work set off what paintings are credited to Mr Pomarède called collective madness among collectors from about 1860.

A dozen museums have lent pictures which the organisers say will show Co-

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first European retrospec-tive since a Paris show 60 years ago and the ninth and is meaux-Arts Museum and the New York Metro-politan Museum of Art. "He often signed paint-ings to authenticate work by hard-up friends." the cu-rator said. mass viewing devoted to a single artist or period in the French capital in less than four years. While Corot is unlikely to rator said. achieve anything like the record entry figure of 1.5 million for the Barnes collection in 1993, the collection in 1993, the spired Pissaro and other painter's output and com-mercial sense fit in well an allowance from his Pari-

him, but he signed so many forgeries there is a joke that 10,000 Corots can be found in the United States. The Louvre paintings cu-

rator, Vincent Pomarède, said there were at least 10 recognised fakes in his mu-seum, which organised the seum, which organised the



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In the post-cold war era, the tide is turning from conscription towards smaller, professional forces. David Fairhall reports Europe falls into step on new model army

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been out of step with their continental neighbours, all of whom fielded large conscript ar-mies. Not for much longer. Almost everywhere in Europe, the tide of opinion is turning from "the citizens' army" and towards the British model. The most dramatic example was President Jacques Chirac's declaration last week that France should abandon a conscription tradition dating from the Revolu tion. The Belgians and Dutch have already done so; Scandinavia is quietly modifying its system, and the Germans may not be far behind. Among former members of

the Warsaw Pact who now look westwards for their secu-rity, shrinking budgets and a desire to match the profes-sionalism of United States-led Nato forces are exerting similar pressure. Even in Russia, where there is no substitute at present for cheap conscript manpower, envious eyes are cast at the efficiency of allregular forces like the Americans and the British.

Among the Nato allies, only Greece is bucking the trend. The recent humiliation by Turkish commandos in the Aegean has heightened the Greek military's sense of in-security. Conscientious objectors are not offered alternative con munity service; they serve four years in jail. The hardline defence minister, Gerasimos Arsenis, wants to toughen the rules to make it more difficult for students to defer their service.

If Britain were debating the return of national service today, much of the argument would probably be couched in depressingly narrow terms: How much would it cost the taxpayer? Could it be used to

massage the unemployment figures, coincidentally providing healthy activity and a taste of discipline for work-shy football hooligans?

Opponents would see it as a sinister form of social control designed to inculcate a military ethos. Today's youngsters need real jobs, they would ar-gue, not square-bashing. In fact, public debate on this issue in Britain more or

sional judgment went largely

unchallenged. Ideas for alter-

less died with the end of national service in the early 1960s. The military establishment did not want a return to

conscription, and that profes-) for training on -

Not so in continental countries with a recent history of devastating invasions by foreign armies, and, in some cases, the rise and fall of a domestic military dictatorship. Against that background it was every citizen's dury to bear arms in defence of his country. And many, wary of the emergence of a new military elite, considered it also a right.

Increar Allgemeine greeted Mr Chirac's announcement of slimmed down, all-profes-sional forces by 2001 with the comment that "the Bundee-wehr's days as a conscript army may be numbered". For military as well as social reasons, the Scandina-vian countries are deebly With this in mind, post-way Germany self-consciously nanufactured the concept of the "citizen in uniform". The citizen (or at any rate the male citizen, because the Bundeswehr does not enlist vian countries are deeply committed to national ser-vice. Their defence strategy is women) has an obligation to the state which he fulfils by based on rapid territorial mojoining the army; the state has a reciprocal obligation to bilisation and there is no immediate prospect of abandon-ing conscription in Denmark, treat its soldiers as citizens reflected, for example, in the fact that German soldiers are Norway or Sweden, even though their armies do not need that many men. "People should feel that desubject to a form of civilian

aw, not courts martial. fence is part of their lives, not something they just pay for," said one Norwegian naval of-German reunification has increased the perceived imof this approach. portance



Drafting conscripts from the eastern länder into the Bundeswehr is seen as another way of educating them in democracy. But as the size of the armed forces shrinks and the anxieties of the cold war cold war. fade, Germany too is begin-ning to waver and to worry.

T its most cynical there is concern that Germany will end up providing Nato's conscripted cannon fodder, while its allies cavort round the world earn-

Britain, drafted its last conscripts at the end of January. By the end of the year, its armed forces will consist entirely of volunteers. The in tention to abolish conscrip-- too short, officers argue,

some concern by Nato officials. The official explanation is that the Dutch armed forces will be much smaller low France. Mindful of Germany's history, he warned recently of the danger of creby the end of the century, but more mobile and more effi-cient — equipped, for exam-ple, with the same Anache ating a state within a state. "I am deeply convinced that in the future, too, our soldiers must really be representative attack helicopters the British of the entire population," he said. But last week the Frank-

are buying. In Italy, conscription has been squeezed by a failing birth rate and a fondness for forter Allgemeine greeted Mr conscientious objection. The second factor dates from 1989, when the constitutional court ruled that community work done as an alternative to conscription need last no longer than military service. Public support for a switch to all-professional forces has been grow-ing, but at present the aim is to

keep 75,000 conscripts. HE end of direct con scription in France, assuming that parlia-

assuming that partia-ment approves it, will be both wel-comed and deplored, depend-ing on individual experience. The system is often justified as a way of promoting social and racial cohesion, and as a counterweight to the political amhitions of the regular offi cer corps, but the social cohe sion argument does not neces sarily hold. Defence official say that a disproportionate number of the 84,000 young Frenchmen exempted last year were graduates from middle-class families.

Young French recruits, like British national servicemen often see their military stint as a wasteful interruption of civilian careers, offering no worthwhile work experience. "I spent a year on a switch-board listening to the secret lives of defence ministry civil

servants. It was extremely boring," Marc, a bank official aged 22, said. Rashid, aged 18, from a poor suburb, said: "I was sent to the German borler as a squaddie and spent a lot of time in the glasshouse I'm still out of work."

But some are happier. Yan nick, a civil engineer aged 25, said: "I volunteered for the paras and went to Bosnia. I'm joing to sign on.

Having taken the initiative, Mr Chirac hopes a public de bate will begin on an alterna-tive form of civic service for men and women, which might or might not be voluntary.

Additional reporting by Ian Traynor, James Meek, Pour Webster, John Hooper, Helena Smith and Greg McIvor. cated | tion was announced in 1993



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Winds of change fail to blow away call-up in former Soviet bloc

Financial straits and high unemployment have kept conscription, write Ian Traynor and James Meek

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CROSS the former | ish professional models, ASoviet bloc, the col-lapse of communism and the evaporation of the Warsaw Pact have thrown the once-powerful military into crisis, turmoil and hu-miliation. Defence spending and military morale have tumbled.

Ekrainian conscripts ple with the disastrous eco-**Conscript** armies remain reporting for national sernism. Whereas Poland thinking about emulating the United States and Britgot the best Christmas presofficially spent 8.1 per cent of GDP on defence 10 years ent they could have imagined - they were sent home. The poverty-stricken Ukrainian military — field-ing Europe's second-largest ago, by 1994 that figure had shrunk to 2.5 per cent. In the same period, Hun-gary went from 7.2 per cent army even after drastic cuts, and struggling to find a role between Russia and a proposed bigger Nato — ao-knowledged that there was to 1.6, while the Czechs and Slovaks cut their spending from 4.7 per cent to 2.4. Almost everywhere in central Europe, conscrip-tion periods have been cut — to 12 months by the no point in feeding and training draftees until it knew what it wanted to do Czech Republic and Hunga-ry, and 18 months by Poland and Slovakia. with them. In central Europe, defence reviews, adaptation, and rows over resources are the order of the day as

> ARMY BE THE BEST

governments try to boost their case for Nato memberbut there has been a col-lapse in the numbers of ship by abandoning the old recruits and soaring draft-dodging rates. And even military and defence doc-trines imposed by Moscow, those accepting the draft can find that their services and gearing their opera-tions to trying to impress Western office are less than urgently Money is at a premium as the various countries grap-

likely to signal an end to conscription, which lasts for two years — six months longer than in Russia. Like Russia, Ukraine is lum-bered with a huge, dis-gruntled officer corps, many of whom have no where to live, and keeping them supplied with raw teenage manpower is cheaper and easier than setting up a smaller profes-sional army.

Trying to run a US-scale military machine on an Italian-sized military bud-

ing diplomatic kudos with their highly professional 'rapid reaction forces" Meanwhile, the number of conscientious objectors continues to rise - 28 per cent of the last draft. To try to stem this, conscription was cut a year ago from 12 to 10 months

hi-tech equipment. The chancellor, Helmut ated — a move viewed with

ficer. A Danish colleague argued that without the option of conscription. his politicians would never be per-suaded to boost the armed forces in the event of another

> But practice is a different matter. The Danish system works in a highly selective and largely voluntary fashion, with some conscripts serving only four or five months. Sweden is adopting a similar approach, cutting back on defence to the dismay

of the military establishment and now taking only about half the eligible conscripts. The Netherlands, which has close military ties with

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get, Moscow cannot afford the ultra-mobile, high-tech professional forces it needs to fulfill the commitments it has set itself — defending its immense borders, keep ing military bases in the "near abroad", and postur-

ing against China and Nato. So the draft will continue. The financial straits of post-communist the countries mean that profes sionalised, well-equipped and well-paid armies are a long way off. And the draft

will continue to mop up the armies of unemployed Ukraine's Christmas armies present to its youth is nn- youths.

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Maguire and Williamson miss Festival

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UCKLESS Norman offered the mount. Williamson and Adrian Maguire will both miss the Cheltenham Festival which begins on Tuesday week.

The final blow was dealt to Williamson's season of woe vesterday morning when the Irishman dislocated his trou-bled shoulder again, so ending hopes of repeating last season's Champion Hurdle-Gold Cup double on Alder-brook and Master Oats.

Maguire missed the Festi-val last year following the death of his mother. Phyllis, and another cruel break came at Newbury yesterday when he broke his right collar-bone when he was at the centre of a pile-up after his mount, Smil-ing Chief, slipped up in the novice handicap chase.

Maguire, who won the Gold Cup in 1992 on Cool Ground, has had a sequence of injuries which have ruined his championship ambitions.

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pion Chase for the third conecutive time. Charlie Swan, Williamson . . out for season the Irish champion, has been

Williamson incurred a dis-Dunwoody before making arrangements for Alderbrook in the Champion Hurdle. located shoulder for the second time at Newbury last

Dunwoody. who gave the champion hurdler such a brilmonth when returning to race riding after breaking his right leg at Sedgefield in Octo-ber. It was only on Thursday liant winning ride when part-nering the seven-year-old for that he was given clearance to the first time at Kempton last ride again from a specialist in shoulder injuries.

Under a new recommenda-tion introduced by the Jockey Club medical advisor. Michael Turner, jockeys who dislocate the same bone twice should have an operation.

"It's a bit more than a setback — it is very, very grim." said Williamson. "It hapsaid Williamson. pened on the gallops. I went to give my horse a slap behind the saddle and my shoulder went.

tion and I probably won't ride again this season. Hopefully, I will have the operation next week. But once I have had it, it should never happen

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This latest injury means be will miss the plum ride on Vi-king Flagship, who bids to win the Queen Mother Cham-Oats, will wait on Richard



EXTRA DOVE. Simon Earle's last winner in the saddle, can provide the former jockey with his first major training success at

Doncaster today in the post-poned Great Yorkshire Chase. What a horse for a rooky trainer to have in his first eason. Dextra Dove had won seven races on the bounce prior to his narrow defeat at Saturday, said: "I've been asked to ride Alderbrook, but Newbury last time, and a tilt at the Martell Grand National I've not been able to say yes or no at the moment."

at the warven Grann Waltonai beckons if the grey can get back to winning ways. Sound jumping, the ability to act on any going, plus stam-ina and a tremendous will to "It all depends on Fortune And Fame, who works in Ireland this Sunday. I have an win, make Dextra Dove a defi-nite candidate for Aintree.

Today's three and a quarter miles on fast ground will be right up his street. In another stride he would have got back up to beat Sunley Bay at New-bury, so gamely did he rally, and he is entitled to strip fitter for that race, which was his first since November.

Dextra Dove continues to creep up the handicap, but gives the impression there is better still to come — amazing for a horse better known around the "gaff" tracks last eason

Great Yorkshire is a bonus ways to be respected on his for the connections of Too-British raids and he found a good To Be True, who would have had to miss the original January date owing to a month.

to fend off the lightly weighted Emerald Storm,

Star Rage (4.40), third there, returns for the Light Infantry

but he had been off the course since December and that took

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for one of the handicaps at Cheltenham by winning the

The postponement of the morlays-based trainer, is alsoft race for Ciel de Brion over hurdles at Fontwell last

> form over fences in France. including a victory over Camitrov, who went on to finish third in last season's Arkle

is best when fresh, looks the

There are several interest-ing types lucking towards the bottom of the weights in the Levy Board Handicap Hurdle. Pick of them might be Green-dia Chest (240), who finside Chat (3.40), who fin-ished a creditable sixth be-hind Master Tribe here last month.

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agreement with Mr Weld to ride that horse at Chelten-ham, so I won't be able to give an answer until after Sunday." If Dunwoody rides Alderbrook, who is as low as 8-11 for a Festival repeat, the champion jockey will have a "I need to have an open favourite's chance of complet

ing the big double for he rides One Man in the Gold Cup. The ride on Master Oats, who has been well below top form since landing the Gold Cup, has been offered to Ja-

mie Osborne, who has ridden

bruised foot. Reported in good shape now, Tim Easterby's eight-year-old comes well into the reckoning on his neck second to Smiths Band at Haydock. Dextra Dove (4.05) looks worth following. He is taken

weighted Emerald Storm, who looks an improved per-former since joining Peter Monteith's stable this season. But he may just lack the nec-essary speed in this company. At Doncaster last Saturday,

arguably the most informative race was the handicap hurdle won by Cheryl's Lad.

Plate over course and dis-tance today and should be hard to beat.

Star Rage looked the likely winner for much of the way,

its toll in the closing stages. At Newbury, Ciel de Brion (1.30) can put himself in line

Doncaster with TV form

5.10 Lord Milli

The six-year-old, who will be ridden by the trainer's son Thierry, has shown smart

Chase. Staunch Rival (1.00), who

answer to the opening Berk-shire Handicap Chase.

Swinging Sixties, from the Gary Moore stable, is another

to keep an eye on and Moore should go close on the all-weather at Lingfield with

Willie Rushton (4.45). A filly (which cannot have gone down too well with her namesake), Willie Rushton

Cheltenham by winning the North Sydmonton Chase. Francols Doumen, his La- | up to a mile and a quarter.

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RUGBY UNION: FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Scotland v England at Murrayfield

Richards to snuff out Grand Slam flame

Robert Armstrong in Edinburgh

Sugar States

NJOYMENT is not a word normally associated with Calcutta Cup matches, which tend to be grim, chaotic con-frontations settled by penalty goals. Yet Jack Rowell be-lieves otherwise, even though his players are determined to deny Scotland a Grand Slam at Murrayfield today.

The England manager maintains that, provided his team take pleasure in their individual skills and relish the occasion, they will play to their full potential. their full potential. It is a novel concept that will be tested to the limit, and

probably beyond, by their confident, streetwise bosts, players who represent the twin faces of Scottish rugby. Fast-rucking improvisers on the one hand, frustrating destroyers on the other, Rob Wainwright's ambitious men have set the Five Nations Championship alight with a

distinctive style that threatens to repeat the clean sweep of trophies achieved by the Scots in 1984 and 1990. Rowell knows that another defeat - which would be Eng-land's fifth in seven matches

- will probably stimulate fresh calls for his resignation or, at the least, a demand that he delegate coaching duties to a new man. It is a sign of the new professional ethos in the game that last month's 21-15 victory over Wales was dis-missed as unacceptably medi-ocre, a view that senior England players largely share. The recall at No. 8 of Dean Richards, the most popular player in England along with Will Carling, gives Rowell vital insurance against defeat

and re-focuses England's game plan around a forward effort geared to denying the Scots the ball. At 33 the one-paced Leices

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ter icon may have a limited shelf life in international rugby, yet in a 10-year career he has never finished on the

down the touchlines but his recall does not necessarily signify that England will available." abandon an expansive style. As Jeremy Guscott pointed out yesterday: "Having Deano in the side means the right ball will be released, better ball presented and de-livered. His comeback allows Ben Clarke to switch to what ern hemisphere.

many people believe is his best position, blipdside Ignoring the tidal wave of nationalist hype sweeping the country, his team yesterday applied some technical polish flanke What the Scots fear most is domination by a well-drilled England pack that can de-velop a measured rhythm. The more disruption Wainto aspects of their play during yesterday's final training ses-sion at Boroughmuir. The cool-headed Wainwright later

wright, Smith and Peters can foster in the back row, the better their chances of forgulation that he will lead his team out in a slow walk as ing the off-the-cuff links with David Sole did in 1990. the playmaker Townsend that destroyed France at Murray-field last month. "The emotional and con-frontational aspects will be addressed in the dressing room before the game," he said. "There was only one team, that walked on and that

Richards stands foursquare between the Scots and the mayhem they love to ex-ploit and Rowell makes no apology for recalling him. "We have to take the ball forward in the hand and we're seeking to involve all 15 players," he declared. "The tradi-tional Five Nations style will not win us the next World in Calcutta Cup games, yet

of 1,000."

was six years ago. It's history

now and we don't have to emulate those events. Teams run

on to the pitch 999 times out

Murrayfield teams

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losing side against Scotland. Cup. We have needed to make He revels in a mauling game changes and we're making significantly they tend to come when bigger prizes are the best use of the talent also at stake. Scott Hastings, who today

Scotland's manager Jim Telfer, meanwhile, has been equals the Scottish record of 61 caps held by his brother talking up the opposition, reminding everyone that Eng-Gavin, is the only survivor from the 1990 Grand Slam land have won three Grand Slams since 1990 and suggestside but his experience, not to mention his coltish enthusiing that they now have the ism this season, could make strongest squad in the northhim an important catalyst. England lack experience

Only Carling, Underwood and Guscott remain from the 1990 debacle and the return of Richards has overshadowed the selection of a new cap, the Bristol lock Garath Archer Seven other England players will be making their first Murrayfield appearance but none will need reminding that they can still win the Tri-ple Crown and the Five ttempted to damp down spec-

Nations Championship, The unaccustomed role of underdogs suits Carling's mixture of senior pros and youthful tyros, while one detects a whiff of unease in the Scottish camp about being favourites. If Scotland do complete the

Grand Slam, it will be arguably a greater triumph than that achieved in 1990 when their line-up was studded with mature, accomplished players such as Sole. Milne, Jeffrey, White, Calder and the Hastings brothers.

The current team, having played the most sparkling football in the Five Nations, still have a way to go before they realise their full potential. Campbell, Townsend, Shepherd, Joiner and Redpath are still developing. No doubt the England backs coaches, Les Cusworth and

Mike Slemen, have identified weaknesses in the Scottish line-up that others have failed to exploit. The crucial question is whether they can translate that analysis into a winning game plan for Carling's men.

One suspects that England have done their homework well enough to merit a eventh successive victory over the Scots, probably by margin of 10 to 12 points.



England talisman . . . Dean Richards has never finished on the losing side against Scotland

Ireland v Wales at Lansdowne Road



David Phymper in Dub

1 101 101 10 10 10 10 A FTER Wales had lost to New Zealand in the World Cup last year Alex Evans, then their tempo-FTER Wales had lost to rary coach, said his adopted country would continue to struggle as long as it relied on fire and passion instead of skill and strength. Four days later Wales crashed out of the competi-

tion, losing to Ireland with a performance which not only lacked skill but had little fire and far less passion. Evans returned to his na-

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something more substantial. Kidd has two remaining matches this season to convince the Irish Rugby Football Union that it is worth extending his one-year contract and, ironic though it may be, the future of the New Zea-lander could well depend on how much fire and passion the Ireland players generate today in what has become the traditional wooden spoon de-cider: the losers of this fix-

ture have finished bottom of the championship in seven of the last eight years. The record of Ireland and Wales over the past 10 years

tive Australia believing Wales' salvation lay with uncor-rupted youth He would empa-thise with the plight of the is poor with only 22 wins be-tween them in 84 matches; nine of those came against

Ireland cosch Murray Kidd each other. who is trying, unsuccessfully I Ireland have won only two so far, to harness the tradi- bome championship matches Ireland have won only two

Wales' only successes in 13 games on the road came in Dublin in 1993 and 1994. But, whereas Kidd is under pressure, Kevin Bowring is basking in the glory of enhanced performances, even if "L" still predominates in the

results column. "Kevin has a four-year contract and can think more of the long-term," said Kidd. "My future depends on this championship campaign, so beating Wales is very important. That said, the message I

have been trying to get across is that ireland have to stop putting short-term gain ahead of long-term success. "Ireland's story this decade

is of one-off performances interrupting a flow of defeats. Relying on fire and passion may get you the occasional | Kidd ... in need of a win

world-beaters. We have to marry the traditional Irish characteristics of blood-andguts rugby with a lot of skill



last two matches to Ireland.

Kidd maintains he wants to son from the back row to lock see a fast and fluid game today but he is aware that Ireland are conceding line-out hall but should have the ad will suit Wales who, under vantage in the loose, where the specialist No. 7 Denis McBride will be available to Bowring, have rediscovered the virtues of speed and support play which made them counter the Wales breakaway irresistible a generation ago. Naivety has been Wales' Gwyn Jones, who too often finds himself alone while his essential weakness this sea-son now that their ball-wincolleagues catch up. Fire and passion are the resort of the underdogs but, ning capacity and handling ability behind the scrum have when Ireland or Wales are at improved, and their lack of home to the other, they are experience in key areas could allow Ireland to drag them expected to offer something more constructive. They

down to their level. rarely can, which is why Defeat for Wales would end narrow Wales victory is the Bowring's honeymoon and force him to change a side he has kept faith with despite two reverses. Wales have fallen in Dublin only once since 1984 but have lost their last two matches to Ireland.

most likely result today. Tries from Rob Henderson, Anthony Foley and Barry

Lansdowne Road teams

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Hockey **Rugby League Motor Racing Blundell on Indy learning curve** Guildford like **Eubank tax bill** Super League games called off look of run-in to boost Benn this season's McLaren-Mer-cedes line-up in favour of the former Williams driver David and I'm looking forward to a Pat Rowley Paul Fitzpatrick Alan Henry other way round, but this is part of the learning curve. ARK BLUNDELL will set out tomorrow to match Nigel Mansell when he is thrown into the deep end of the IndyCar pool. The prestigious American series kicks off with the GUILDFORD, fifth behind Cannock, Old Loughtonstrong season." With the first two rounds of THE cancellation of a Coulthard, was unable to se-"I expect to be more at cure an alternative Formula Hearn now has a six-fight series of Super League One drive and has decided his professional future lies in the United States. Blundell is teamed alonghome on the road courses and ians, Reading and Southgate agreement with ITV. Warren and Hearn have exhibition games in Austra-lia this weekend has dethe IndvCar Championship the indyCar Championship home on the road consess and the season, travel Blundell is acclimatising I am not scoring points, then I gently to a specialised disci-pline. He will certainly be hoping to avoid the sort of high-speed accident which be-fell Mansell practising for his season travel high-speed accident which be-fell Mansell practising for his that is a construction to stourport tomorrow with their sights on following last season's HA Cup title with their first National League title. Currently in third place, worked together before and Hearn, as chairman of Leyton fused a potentially explosive situation in the battle. now almost a year old, be-tween the Australian series kicks off with the Grand Prix of Miami on the side a fellow F1 refugee Maur-icio Gugelmin, the Brazilian Orient, has the advantage of ready access to the perfect outdoor venue for a fight be-tween Benn from liford and Rugby League and Rupert Murdoch's breakaway 14-mile banked oval track at who drove for the Leyton Currently in third place, Guildford are holding together well and have col-lected 10 points from their Blundell's only regret is that he will not take part in the Indianapolis 500 in May. House and Jordan teams be-Homestead. Eubank from Brighton. Meanwhile there is Ma-linga. Although the 36-year-Super League. These matches could have constituted contempt tween 1988 and 1992. "I would never say never oval-track debut and resulted in the then F1 champion This year's Memorial Day classic is being staged for the but I will admit that F1 is no being taken to hospital with last four games. After tomorserious back injuries. "Coming to terms with a dell will be hoping to match old South African has faded of court by the rebel clubs, longer in my head," said rival Indy Racing League competitors while the leading ow's visit to the bottom club two of their final three games who were this week or-dered by a Sydney judge to return to the ARL. Super Blundell, who finished tenth Mansell, who won the Indyin last year's world champitrack where you are covering Car Championship in his first IndyCar teams will contest the US 500 race in Michigan are against other relegation-1% miles in 27 seconds is a completely new ball game," onship. "I don't feel I really year, in 1993. threatened sides. Old Loughtonians, who contentious defeat by Eubank - he still represents a threat. League was ruled illegal and ordered, in the form of The 29-year-old from Roys-ton, who was dropped from this [the European] side of the said Blundell. "At the mo-on the same day. play twice this weekend. He certainly thinks so. temporary injunction, no should move back into the top to start its breakaway "The last fight with Benn four by taking points off Barwas an absolute disgrace," he **Sports Betting** competition. ford Tigers and St Albans but the other title contenders Super League believes it says. "I beat him fair and "substantial grounds square and he knows it, Punters underwhelmed by the Chancellor's tax cut have tough games. Cannock for appeal" against this judgment and is also seekwhich is why it has taken him play the champions Tedding-ton, who have beaten them four years to give me the return he promised." ing a stay of the court's Two special spread markets | four kickers this afternoon. will add considerable spice. | The players will be judged on four successive times; South-Malinga, whose first name means "quiet", has boxed for orders. That action brings maker as a levy to support Julian Traner gate, one point clear, travel to racecourses and dog tracks. The levy applies only to rac-ing bets but instead of passing the rival parties back to court next Wednesday. Canterbury, who held them to Sporting Index quote the the number of tries they score a living since he was 21 but it was not until he travelled to KENNETH CLARKE's bright new era in bookgame's bookings at 40-43 (10) (for which Coral award a no-points for each yellow card, 25 tional 25 points each), suc-for red). With David Elleray cessful kicks (10) and kicks a draw last year; while Read-Brisbane Broncos, Ausing are at East Grinstead. Beeston, 11 points clear in the second division, could tralia's most powerful club, Germany in 1989 to challenge the difference back to the cus makers' shops opened yester-day as tax came down a point had planned to play the Canberra Raiders at their tomer the bookies keep it. for Graciano Rocchigiani's in charge, a few early book-ings are likely to add to the with the highest "score" In these days of computer world title that he was acwell be crowned champions quainted with the rigours of the fight game at the highest level. He failed there, and ised tills and telephone bet-ting, there is no good reason why the "tax" paid on sports to the new rate of 9 per cent. ANZ stadium. Other watch the temperature rise Dods outperformed Arwel tomorrow, though Bromley, matches were between Tax makes a big difference to North Queensland and Western Reds. Canterbury be welcomed. But sports bettheir opponents, handed them their heaviest ever league de-Dods outperformed Arwel watch the temperature rise. Dous outperformed Arwel The same firm estimates that the total of all the goalscorers' shirt numbers will be be-tween 29 and 32. 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FOOTBALL: Liverpool v American champion. Lindell feat (5-0) last year. The women's National Holmes — but not by much. Aston Villa tomorrow is a tasty appetiser to Monday's Newcastle v Manchester The truth is that "tax" is a He found God in 1991 but The only two Super League will need more than prayers clubs not involved were the pretty loose concept. Punters pay 9p on every pound they stake but few realise that less Hunter Mariners and Adetonight. Benn has trained threatening, a buy is in order. England to win the Triple FIVE NATIONS: Coral's are Crown, the cricket World Cup United clash. Despite the imwith diligence in Tenerife for laide Rams, two newly formed clubs who must be wondering if they will ever play a game. but they be be paid by the book-posed to be paid by the book-tain their bold instincts. portance of the game neither side will find it easy to conseveral weeks and, in his 46th repeating their speciality bet | and the Euro '96 game against on the performance of the Scotland. Do not be tempted.

Kevin Mitchell

HE prospect of Nigel Benn fighting Chris Eubank for a third time strengthened on the eve of Benn's 10th defence of his World Boxing Council supermiddleweight title against Thulane "Sugar Boy" Ma-linga in Newcastle tonight. Eubank, the former World

Boxing Organisation champion at 12 stone, retired after his second defeat by the Irishman Steve Collins but the burden of a £2 million tax bill. plus a writ from Frank Warren demanding \$126,840 (about £84,000) in VAT money, is almost certain to force his hand.

Officially Eubank stands by his decision to leave the sport he claimed to loathefs.5; pri-vately it is understood he has inquired about the possibility of a fight with Benn - especially in light of the prospect of pay-per-view revenue playing an increasingly promi-nent part in the funding of boxing.

Benn said last week he would welcome a deciding match with Eubank - the score is 1-0 to Eubank with one drawn - so, given the boxers' willingness, all that remains is a minefield of competing promotional interests. Benn fights for Warren and Sky whereas Euhank made his fortune with Sky but his erstwhile promoter Barry likely to slip up.

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League looks to lie between the joint leaders Sutton and Hightown, who meet at Formby on March 16, Today Hightown, who have a game in hand, visit Clifton while Sutton entertain Ipswich.

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Soccer

e wind The Guardian Saturday March 2 1996

Richard Williams looks at the kid-glove treatment that could reap dividends for Manchester United in Monday's title showdown at Newcastle

Fergie fledglings keep red flag flying joke on Gazza

Young players have had a N a dark, wet winter's night three special priority at Old Trafyears ago I sat in ford since the days of Duncan the main stand at Edwards and the Busby Gigg Lane, Bury, and watched Alex Ferguson's reserves struggle through the clinging mud, failing to get a result against the bigger and more experienced Leicester City "stiffs".

Ferguson was not worried. In the starting line-up was a bullet-headed midfielder with a knack of scoring goals. Paul Scholes, 18 years old, Salfordborn, had barely graduated from a successful youth team On the bench were a fresh-faced winger, David Beckham, a 17-year-old East Londoner, and a quiet, watchful centre-back, Gary Neville,

just 18, born in Bury. It was the month in which Ferguson realised that the arrival of Eric Cantona just before Christmas had given United the missing ingredient which would enable them to win the delayed league title.

The Frenchman was not the last of his big buys, of course, but the effect of Cantona's contribution did mean that the years of chequebook team-building were over. Having created his first version of United by splashing out on the likes of McClair.

'At this place you never know with young players. A boy needs character to succeed here'

Donaghy, Schmeichel, Webb, ince, Pallister, Irwin, Kan-chelskis and Keane, now Ferguson could allow the club's

are fixtures in the Manches ter United first-team sound. along with their contemporaries Nicky Butt and Philip Neville — raised, like them, in the Old Trafford youth programme, reinvigorated by elder Neville brother, indeed, is a certainty for Terry Ven-ables's European Champion-

pagne was going flat after two defeats. Giggs' free-kick put the We thought they were cerbeginning of the end of Newcassuggests an anonymous fax-sender from Seven Sistainties, those three," Ferguspent? "I'm not going to tell to the list the name of Jona eam, an experience which in over the past couple of tia's title challenge. you that. Our Centre of Excelthan Macken, an 18-year-old Manchester-born forward son said. "Absolutely no has turned him into a positive years, they've done exceptiontitle-holders in tront but Cole ters. He was looking for-ward to a deal with a more isnuary 15 1995 rold model for the young playally well. No failures at all." doubts that they'd make firstequalised with the first of his 34 ile 1, Man Utd 1 lence is . . . excellent. News "The problem is the FA team players. It goes in cywho did not come through the ers now entering the first-Kevin Keegan, by contrast. No Cole again, Ferguson and Keegan having agreed the goals that season, a club record. appropriate organisation: Slumberland, Prozac or is still at the stage of buying cles. I can go back to my blueprint. I'm only allowed to schools football, and that's take boys from within one Belfast scheme but whose Irish ancestry has already team souad. er 11 1993 In one or two cases, Fergutalent. Only Steve Howey and Newcastle 1, Man Utd 1 £7 million transfer shock of the Crisis At Christmas. hour's travel of Old Trafford. So, in effect, the FA are enwon him a schoolboy cap. The school in the Northson pointed out, family back-Lee Clark, of Monday's souad. what I remember. Suddenly United, romping to a second auccessive Premiership title and season three days earlier ground has been helpful. are products of the youth one school or one area would Hughes scored from Cantona's S IT true that most foot-ballers are, what shall we say, intellectually chaicoursigns a parochial atti-tude in a club that has to comeast, originally run by "Pop" Robson, has been slower to have a great group of players. "The Neville brothers, their background is right. Their scheme, although the plans the manager has hatched the Double, again scored first, neat pass but Kitson equalised And with clubs, you'd notice ince with a close-range header. with a shot that went through with the enthusiastic assis-tance of Sir John Hall should pete on a world stage. It's a bear fruit, understandably so father is the commercial manthat it was the ones that Cole again replied, a header Schmeichel's legs. lenged? Surely not. Take the Chelsea defender Frank Sinclair. According to his team-mate Gavin Peacock. in the light of increasingly self-confident competition ager at Bury, their mother was a talented athlete. Exceltotal waste of time. And what it means is that every club worked hard with their youth December 27 1995 from Lee's cross. ensure that when these two teams. When I went to Aber-Man Utd 2 Newcastle 0 October 26 1994 deen, the first eight players I that has a youth programme from the local giants Newcas-signed all made the first team. is breaking the rules, but the Middlesbrough and Sun-And six of them went on to doing it under the guise of derland, now alert to the need clubs meet again in, say, 10 years' time their squads will lent. No problem. Chris Cas-The Reds had to win, and they Coca-Cola Cup 3rd round per's another one." doing it under the guise of derland, now alert to the need community work. Some clubs to hang on to the talent on to Bournemouth, Casper is the talent nurtured in the old-have half a dozen schemes go- their own doorsteps. Robson, image of his father Frank, who fashioned way. Newcastle 2, Man Utd 0 did through Cole and Keane. "Frank thinks the brain is on the left side of the head. Fledglings Beckham, Butt, Gary Victory for Newcastie would represent Scotland, either at community work. Some clubs Neville, Davies and Gillespis have put them 13 points clear. So he always puts penalties full or Linder-21 level." to the goalkceper's right be-cause he says it takes longer for the messages to get down to the right side of the keeper's body. Keegan attacks Asprilla 'can of worms' "This is serious," adds Peacock. "When the lads then butt the Manchester City captain Keith Curle last Saturday. Keegan asid he felt the use for dec pride and inter declaration of the base set of the se started giving him stick, he lan Ross and Don Beet said, 'Oh no, it's the heart that's on the left, isn't it.'" The Everton defender Gary Ablett has joined Sheffield EVIN KEEGAN, the Newcastle United man-ager, claimed yester-It does make one wonder. The Arsenal striker Ian of video evidence to back up County. Claridge's parting shot was to say: "I wouldn't treat my dog the way I have been treated. One minute I was an the case for the prosecution Wright was severely censured United on a month's loan and ALEADING bookmaker his offering a bet on the make-up of the England A 17 was setting a dangerous pre-cedent. "I believe it is a bad road to go down," he said. "The referee did not see any-thing and I genuinely did not Sheffield Wednesday signed the Feyencord winger Regi Blinker on a 3^{1/2}-year con-tract. Another Dutchman, the day that the Football Associa-tion had "opened a can of by the FA yesterday for call-ing the Harrow referee David Elleray a "little Hitler" on worms" by allowing Faustino team to play Switzerland in their opening European Championship game on ever-present and the next Fry couldn't wait to get me out." Asprilla to undergo trial by ClubCall. television. The Liverpool midfielder striker Jeroen Boere, has The Colombian Interna-tional forward faces two charges of misconduct after he appeared to elbow and would be wrong just to take eign legion" is almost certain Steve Claridge final oined Southend from Crystal Southampton have sold the June 8. You bet on whether the combined value of the The Birmingham striker Steve Claridge finally moved kell to Brighton for £40,000. 11 players in the team is less than 137 points or more than 144. Each player's points value is deter-mined by the first letter of A N Other **TEAM SHEET** Scottish preview his surname, ie. Adams 1pt, Shearer 19pts. The more points your ZZZCARS THIS Edinburgh-born jack-of-all-trades played for his **Coventry v West Ham Utd QPR** v Arsenal **Celtic have Cadete ruled out** MPTR V-AUTOCTANA The detenders McDonald, Maddix and Brevert are out through injury, so Rangers are likely to bring in Ready and Challe, although their untiod beenage centre-back Purmer has been included in the squad. Assemat will again be without their former England stiller Wright, who is suspended for two matches, having been injured for capter Adams and Bosid are still on the cassually let. The relegation strugglers Coventry will have Borrows and Williams back after sup-persion, while the flying winger Nolovu could get a start if Teiler late to shake off a hig injury. The Croalian defender Billo has recovered from the ande problem that subsitted thim against Accenal last week and is set to rapilose Harkes, while the Hammera midlielder Moncur also returns team is under 137 or over 144 the more money you make. So, if Terry Vena-bles' team is: Coton, Ad-ams, Bould, Ablett, Barton, Barnier Dornicles, Adcountry both as an amateur going to cave in." said Burns. "It should not be forgotten that Cadete was never going and a professional. At home Patrick Glenn he looked green but there-after regularly wore red. British and American CELTIC were advised by the Scottish FA yesterday ams, Bould, Anlett, Barton, Barmby, Beardsley, Ander-ton, Batty. Cole, Arm-strong; or: Walker, Winter-burn, A Wright, D Walker, M Wright, Wilcox, Wise, Woan, Waddle, I Wright, Shearer, you may suppose that the England coach has had a bet. He made more than a hunto be an immediate part of the cop shows compared. dred league appearances in first team. With a quarter of memorers midlielder Moncur Also returns after injury but is likely to be one of the substitutes. that Jorge Cadete is regis-tered with Sporting Lisbon England during a famous field's fallow period. Before the league campaign to go, others have already claimed positions for themselves." Hat tomorrow in Leeds Utd v Bolton Sheff Wed v Nottin Forest that he had spent a couple of years among the trees, and is unable to play for the Breiss could make a rare start for Leeds following his mitweek FA Cap heroica at Port Vale ahead of the hil-and-miss South Arrican striker Mesima. Radebe and Wor-1 hington are likely to continue as tuil-backs with Darigo (hartstring), Jobson (knee) and Pemberton (leg and flu) all ruled out and Kelly given only an outside chance of recovering from shun and knee injurtes. The basement outs could call up McGintay and Stubbs, who were on the bench for Sundays 6-0 drubbing by Matchester United, to replace Blake and the sus-pended midfielder Thompson. Degrysa is likely to be moved up from midifield to partner Kovacevic in the Wednesday attack as birst (hamstring) and Bright ribb are injured. The Welsh midifielder Pembridge is back in the rectioning after a three-month absence with a fool problem. Forest will be withour Cooper, the victim of a side strain, so Haa-land is in the for the centre of defence Parkhead club against Hearts Phil O'Donnell, the power-ful midfielder, should be wel-comed back as much as any player to the Celtic squad theObserver and later he joined some today. Cadete, signed by Celtic robins. Last week: Terry Venables until the end of the season, had a bet. (Cheisea, Tottenham, Queens Park Rangers, Crystal claimed he had bought his contract from his previous after weeks of inactivity with a groin problem. As a valu-able contributor before his de-NEIL RAPER is an avid Darlington fan. And THE REAL PROPERTY club and was a free agent. Sporting, however, said they were due compensation and the Scottish FÅ, their Portu-guese counterparts and Ffa Palace). parture he will surely go straight into the team. Tottenham v Southampton when, on his birthday last Tuesday, he went to see his Sheringham superts to shake of an ankin injury for Spurs but the same problem has intellined his supelick Armstrong. Le Te-sier has recovered from flu and will murch back into the Saints middled at the ex-pense of Oakley. The defender Docid is suspended and Mealson is strugging with a call injury. so Widdrington will continue al the back It is a measure of Hearts' favourite team play Hartlerecent resurgence that Jim lanchester City v Blackburn pool there was a big sur-prise in store. His family had secretly arranged for him to be the mascot for the have been involved in the dis-Jefferies was announced as Filteroft and Fronzeck are back in conten-tion for City allor exspensions with Heigy, last wreekend's debutant against Newcza-the, likely to make way for the German left-back Blucksum's wingers Wilcox (antkel) and Rolley (hamstring) are ruled out and the miditeder Bohmen is doubtful but Rover's bard-working striker Newell returns after a two-match ban. Beil's Manager of the Month for February, with the Tynepute for the past few days. Fifa informed the SFA that, as Cadete is registered with castle defender Paul Ritchie game, a treat sprung on him by club staff as he ar-Sporting, he cannot be cleared to play in Scotland. Celtic will taking the award for Young Wimbledon v Chelsea Player of the Month. rived at Feethams. A lovely story, eh? Well, sort of. Neil Raper was ac-The striker Holdsworth and datender Perry rolum after suspension for the Dons though both could be kept on this bench. Harlord is still banned but the Nigerian striker Exolu is expected to play despite grion and listical inputies. Choises are set to name the team who beat Grimstry in the FA Cup in midwaek. The sinker Holdsworth and defen have to pay the Portuguese a Both awards reflect on fee or call off the deal. how well the players have Tommy Burns, the Celtic Middlesbrough v Everton done," said Jefferies, who has Performance of the week: Ian Woan (Notim Forest), whose two free-kicks frustrated Tottenham in the FA Cup and put his side in good heart for the Uefa Cup. manager, was quick to emthe Italian defender Pasquale tually 40 on Tuesday, as the crowd learned from the big number 40 on the back of phasise that Cadete would not Bruno available again after bave been an automatic suspension. the shirt he was forced to starter at Parkhead and that Rangers, protecting a three-TOMORROW he had been brought in as back-up to Pierre van Hooijwear as he ran out. It was a point Premier Division lead, Liverpool v Aston Villa stitch-up arranged by his play Hibernian at Easter Road tomorrow and the Dandonk and Andreas Thom. "Just because there have wife Angela. Her 40th birthday is in two years' Liverpool are waiting on Gollymore, wh has a heavy cold, and Wright, who has a slight grow strain, Villa's forward Johnson faces a test on a thigh more but Taylor has shaken off a harretiring strain. ish striker Erik Bo Andersen been one or two hitches does is likely to start following his time, says Neil rubbing his not mean the whole world is move from Aalborg. hands.

Babes. "We've always worked particularly hard at it here. That particular youth team of the early Nineties represented a high point in terms of intensity: we managed to get a group of players together from different parts of the country, and they became a team. And now you can look back and say that there were one or two decent players, talented boys who've gone on to make useful careers for themselves else where, who couldn't get much

of a look in." It was instructive to get out the team sheet from that reserve match in the early weeks of 1993 and see. along-side Scholes. Beckham and Neville (and the more experienced players Les Sealey, Lee Martin and Danny Wallace) a clutch of less familiar names. Ferguson described the destinies of the seven who had not made it into his first team.

"George Switzer? We knew his height would be against him. He went to Darlington, and now he's with Hyde. A popular boy, the kind it breaks your heart to let go. Kieran Toal — a very intelligent boy. He had a bad injury, went to Doncaster, had another injury and now he's studying law at university. Brian Carey went to Leicester

for a quarter of a million. Patrick McGibbon is still playing entre-half in our re Simon Davies is in the reserves. Craig Lawton broke his leg and went to Port Vale. Still there, doing well. We released Robert Savage, he went to Crewe, and I believe he has a Welsh cap now."

Ferguson was quoted re-cently as observing that, if the Bosman ruling had been made two or three years earlier, his 1993 title-winning team would have won the European Cup. Their coherence was distur bed by the need to juggle the

that I felt we'd have had a good chance." But does the freedom to buy and select unlimited numbers of foreign players mean the end of a thorough youth policy at a club such as United?

we're going to extend our plans. We'll be spending a lot Downpatrick, is another from the clutches of Maine Abgust 21 1993 later. Cole was rested with sore APITY Arsenal have renewed their shirt-Road, Giggs became the club's needs certain qualities of Man Utd 1, Newcastle 1 showing promise. shins, and a Pallister header more money on the youth pro-gramme." How will it be "He'll be called up this leading prodigy and assumed a senior role in the youth character to succeed here and a Gillespie shot marked the ship squad Promoted Newcastle's champosorship deal with JVC, year." Ferguson said, adding And the boys we've brought

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Young bloods . . . Gary Neville, left, and David Beckham watch the 1993 reserve team from the bench and dream of bigger things MICHAEL STEELE

ing, up and down the infact, is now in charge of the country." United themselves Roker Park initiative. knocked in goals for Burnley own talent to come through. Three years later that trio Manchester United 2-1 ahead 20-odd years ago before moving foreign players. "No, I didn't say that." he interjected. "What I said was have two regional centres, in Belfast and the North-east. One cannot help thinking into sports kit manufacture. of Newcastle, with three draws that the capture of Ryan The whole experience of The Ulster scheme has yielded Keith Gillespie. Giggs was vital to this evolu-tionary process, one in which the immediate needs of a bringing young players from the youth scheme into the Rolling Stones: Tottenham — Gerry and the Pacemak-KEVIN Keegan's and Alex Ferguson's teams have met six times since Newcasheld out for an hour but Albert McGibbon, a 22-year-old cen-tral defender from Lurgan, and Philip Mulryne, an 18first team has, Ferguson says, and Kitson opened their account ers; Manchester United championship-chasing club have to be balanced against for Newcastle, now unbeaten in "gone better than we ex-Simply Red; West Ham pected. At this place you tle returned to the Premierrecord 19 games Foreigner: and, after last year-old Belfast-born mid-fielder. David Healey, a 16-year-old centre-forward from the development of some-times fragile young talent. Snatched at the eleventh hour Ferguson when he took over the managership in 1986. The weekend, Newcastle - The Clash. never know with young play ship in 1993. On Monday October 29 1994 ers. The style, the demands comes another mighty clash. Man Utd 2, Newcastle 0 the expectations ... as well as talent with a football, a boy "Absolutely not. In fact The story so far: That run perished three days

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Soccer Diary

Standing

Martin Thorpe

HE Paramount bar in Aberdeen is making quite a splash. Or. rather, the Paramount's toilets are, as punters relieve themselves of their pent-up animosity towards the rich and famous.

Three video screens have been built into the bar's stainless-steel male urinals and covered with perspex. On heading for the loo, customers request live footage of a personality to be played on a particular screen then, once inside, let out everything they have bottled up against their selected victim.

selected victim. This has been particu-larly directed at Paul Gas-coigne, Bryan Robson, Gary Lineker and Vinnie Jones, while today's rugby game has made Will Car-ling a Groupite Other in ling a favourite. Others in-clude Margaret Thatcher and Paul Daniels.

The only complaints about this standing joke have come from Rangers fans and one woman who wanted the logistic impossi-bility of the same in the women's loo. As another female customer said: "The men really seem to have a good time in there. You can hear them cheering each other and giving directions

Michael Wilson, the Paramount's owner, is in talks with a London bar chain to extend the idea south. Com-ing soon, to a toilet near you ...

MANCHESTER CITY this week denied a story that Blues fans Oasis are to become the team's new shirt sponsors. But the idea does open up intrigu-ing musical possibilities for the shirt sponsorship of other teams. Bolton - Dire Straits; Birwingham -

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David Davies in Miami

UROPE's challenge,

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such as it is, in the Doral Ryder Open bere is limited to fighting for survival in the second round. With the pro-jected cut at level par, 144, and with none of the British or European players under par after the first round, the task was not going to be accr

task was not going to be easy. In fact a stiff wind sprang up to make it even more diffi cult for a player lagging be-hind to make up ground on the leaders, Joe Ozaki at 10 under and Vljay Singh at eight under he said.

eight under. But Nick Faldo, who has never lacked determination, went out and attacked — and eagled the 1st hole. At 533 yards and downwind it was relatively easy to drive but Feldels male arbick put him three tournaments offering \$3 Faldo's eagle, which put him two under for the tournament.

breathing space for the formi-dable holes to follow. One of these was the 237yd "short" hole, the 4th, which yesterday was dead into the wind and, for all but profes-sionals, unreachable, Faldo

corey Pavin was eight under and within two strokes of the lead, gave the Englishman's putt a big cheer, recognising that in realistic terms a three In Europe Bernhard Langer

in the lead following Thursday's seven-under par 65.

In Europe Bernhard Langer has gone 68 tournaments without missing a cut but a disappointing finish yester-day could lead to him not playing the last two rounds here. He bogeyed two of the last four holes, including the last four holes, including the listh which was yesterday into the wind, for a 73 and a total of 145. If he should miss,

Cadle's crusade

it would break a string of 15

cuts he has made in the United States, going back to the USPGA in 1998.

Ernie Els set out with high expectation from this event but, with half the field still to complete the second round, he was at Miami airport waiting for a plane to Orlando where he has his American base. "He played great but putted like a spaceman." said his caddle, who was worried his man might have gone home too soon. When did

that Langer last miss a cut?" This is the first year that every event on the US Tour has at least \$1 million prizemoney. There are, in fact

million or more, six with \$2 million or more and no fewer than 41 with over \$1 million, mostly around the \$1.5 mil-lion mark.

WORLD CUP CRICKET

A rupse for your thoughts . . . Raymond Illingworth looked stumped for words yesterday but the manager scotched suggestions that the wicketkeeper Jack Russell would be dropped against Pakistan tomorrow. Peter Martin, the seam bowler, may miss the match, however, after suffering a recurrence of a long-standing back injury JOHN GILES

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ARK WAUGH and | The African team were un- Sri Lanka on six points with | three with 28 balls to spare. Shane Warne handed | able to deal with Warne on a | one game to play — against | Raza hit six sixes and seven

SPORTS NEWS 11

An Australian for Sri Lanka

are all areas that cannot be

His most demanding task is

rotation and a deformity of the elbow. All manner of video and medical evidence

for the defence has been sup

plied to the International

Cricket Council since he was repeatedly called for throw-ing during the Australian

tour but he cannot be cleared

because the ICC lacks a mech-

anism for doing so. "What is so unfair is that

there is no real process for fairly judging Muri's inno-cence," Whatmore said. "The ICC cannot clear him because

that would need a panel to reach a decision, and the reg

ulations concerning that will

"It is a big call for an um

pire to call an international

player for throwing these days. We need an approved

centre to be determined

where a bowler's action can be analysed, after which their

conclusions can be consid-

"Muri is a bubbly, happy sort of bloke but at the mo-

ment he needs reassurance

and positive feedback. He must banish all the doubte

from his mind. He will keep spinning it, that's for sure, as he can't bowl any other way."

Whatmore's background

leads him to talk of taperingoff before matches, a concept that is well known in British

swimming and athletics but

ered by an official panel.

not be drawn up before July

at the earliest.

overlooked."

David Hopps meets | terms of bio-mechanics. They Dav Whatmore, the Melbourne coach to nurture the confidence of Muttiah Muralitharan, the off-spinner. blessed — or cursed — with a huge wrist raised in Colombo

USTRALIAN cricketers are unpopular in Sri Lanka for refusing to play there after the Colombo bomb. Yet, if Sri Lanka get past the World Cup quarter-finals, Australia's Dav Whatmore will deserve a share of the credit. Whatmore, Sri Lanka's

coach, was born in Colombo but his upbringing has been very Australian, He emi-grated at the age of eight, gained seven Test caps as a batsman and studied as a coach for four years at the Victorian Institute of Sport. Having failed to attract Ian Botham and Allan Boebar Sei Botham and Allan Border, Sri Lanka reluctantly turned instead last June to one of their own. How well he has inte-

grated Australian planning and combativeness into the Sri Lankan game will be seen in Delhi today, when they play India. Either could finish as Group A winners with a probable quarter-final against England in Faisalabad. Two victories by forfeit and a rout of Zimbabwe, with Ke-

nya to come, represents an untaxing start. Whatmore was as distressed as anyone by Austra-lia's refusal to play in Co-

lombo. "Your biggest asset is your health and no one can be blamed for caring about their own well-baing," he said. 'But it was an over-hasty

rarely gains a mention in English cricket. decision. Ron Reed, a journal ist from Melbourne, was over here when the bomb went off Every Sri Lankan player has a chart outlining his prac-tice sessions, social events and he set things rolling, say-ing on TV that Australia had and other responsibilities. Swimming is compulsory on to pull out and that there was the days following each match, called "recovery an 'English line' of suitcases outside every hotel. It was the

biggest sell-out of all time." Whatmore is one Austra-lian citizen who did remain. absent-mindedly talking of Sri Lanka as "home" but aware that it can never be so while his wife and children stay in Melbourne. Their in-

match, called "recovery days". Practice is stepped up, with lighter sessions — or tapering-down — on the last two days before a game. Sri Lankan cricket, previously a jumble of unpredictable and excitable talent, has never witnessed such planning. Whatmore studied in Mel-bourne under Dr Frank Pike, ability to settle caused them to return to Australia even who was responsible for the pace bowler Dennis Lilles's efore the latest strocity and makes it improbable that Whatmore will seek an exten recovery from a severe back injury. He feels such courses are essential. Sri Lanka's sion to his two-year contract. "One thing I do know is that

heavy defeat in Australia my phone bill is going up," he For the moment, though, of the improvement witnessed in the Test series win against Pakistan which began his term so promisingly. It was an ill-tempered series at times as the Sri Lankans were drawn inadvisably into an onadvice. Whatmore is a big field slanging match. "In Sri Lanka aggression is never with the mouth." Whatmore said. "If our players do become involved in sledging it is certain their concentra tion disappears and that the game is lost. I know that from experience. I soon realised in Australia that I had to keep ally, nutritionally and in my mouth shut."

Robert Pryce More talented, but they have nore talented, but the

fours in his 77-minute

The Doral event led the mil-lion-dollar march when, back in 1987, the Ryder company, who are involved in transportation, took over the sponsarship of the tourna-ment. They announced the amount of their sponsorship ment. They announced the amount of their sponsorship by unfurling a banner on the 18th green which read "\$1 millions, more than any of the four major champion-ships paid that year. This Week the prize fund is \$1.8 million and anyone win-ning the first prize of \$324,000 is guardised to finish in the top 60 of the Money List even without doing anything else. • Despite brilliant sunshine, a 60 mph west wind prevented any play in the second round of the Catalan Open at the Bonmont', course, writes Michael Britten. The players hope to complete 18 holes today shif 36 tomorrow. Scot-land's Paul Lawrie will the off in the lead following Thurs-



teams, he is happily placed at one of the best run clubs in the Budweiser League. This season, he says "we could maybe sweep the board". Cadle's London Towers aim for the second of the season's

four major trophies in the Sainsbury's Classic Cola National Cup final at the Sheffield Arena tomorrow. Lying in wait for them will be the Sheffield Sherka.

Results

Rugby Union

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HOTTINIS MILAN INDOOR TOURNAAMENT: Guar-sar-finates & Ivanlagelo (Cro) bit A Voines (Rom) 7-6. 6-1. Ni Rosset (Switz) bit R Furian (10 6-4.3-8.6-3: @ Rossett Srit bit A Medvadov (Ukr) 6-1.3-8.7-6. US INDOOR G'SNIPS (Philadelphis): Second round: T Carbonal (So) bit T Enquis) (Swe) 2-6.7-8.5-3; T Wood-tridge (Jun) bit V Secter (US) 7-6.6-4, 6-4, B Black (Zim) bit S Draper (Ans) 6-4, 6-4.

6-4. TRANS (Croyston): Finals & Groups (M4th) bi D Sapaford (GB) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. WYONEZEY & CHALLENKCER (Ensiteign, Hanks): Guarter-Finalise V Ramon-Personal (SD) M K Shibate (Japan) 6-2, 6-4: 1 De-necespect (Fr) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-6, 1-6. 7-5, N Decky (Fr) wto M Strandhard (Save), E Wagener (Sar) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

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The story of the season so, far has largely been shaped by these teams' rivalry: North against South, pempered metropolitans against gritty provincials, brilliant individuals against a true team. They have played each other three times, all in the league. London lost away 69-68, then won twice at home, 82-70 and 88-74. The Towers are bigger and

"We ain't scored on that shit all year," he reminded them. "We've got to move the bas-ketball." Then, he told them, at some stage we've got to go at some stage we ve got to go to the next level. You've got to start thinking about defence." They went out and made him look like a genius. Over the next five minutes they forced two turnovers and blocked three shots while out-scoring the Sharks 14-2.

The Towers bother the Sharks with their height and their full-court press. In the 154 in 45.3 overs. open court they can be devas tating. Blocks and steals nite them. If they need to reminded tomorrow that th must defend intensely a work patiently for opening they have only to aspire to t West Indias Kerrys standards set by the exemplary Sharks. Or risk another earful from Cadle.

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIF (Wigan): Send-Bask R Chapman (Eng) b P (Wichter (Eng) 615-767,

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WILLS WORLD CUSP: Group A: Magner: Zimbabwe 154 (45.3 overs: A Walter 67; Warne 4-36, Australia 153-2 (36 overs: M Waugh 78nc). Australia won by eight wick-ets. Group: B: Labore Holland 216-9 (50vers). United Arab Emirates 220-3 (44.2 overs). UAE won by soven wickets.

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yesterday as Australia im-eight-wicket victory in their eight-wicket victory in their Group A match in Nagpur. to bat first probably saved Waugh, the first man to them from more punishment

score successive tournament but few of their batsmen justified the captain Andy Flow-er's confidence in them. centuries, finished unbeaten on 76, with 10 boundaries, and would almost certainly have Only the opener Andy Waller, who held the innings together until the 36th over made it three in a row had his side been chasing more than 155. They reached their target with a sensible 67, offered with 14 overs to spare after Zimbabwe had capitulated for prolonged resistance.

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3.50 (2mm 1f Gh)n 1, MISTER CODY, Mr J Cullopy (2-1 law): 2, Danar Do (3-1); 3, Persognam (3-1), 7 rat. 6, 8 (J King) Toter C.30, C.1.0, C.200 Dual F: 22.00 CSF 17.50 LCO (3mm Chy 1, COLOMENT RECLY, Mr P Hacking (11-8 /t sav), 2, Still in Bonal-verse 111-8 (1 and), 3, Dubh (5-1) 6 rat. 21, 32 (Mrs D Grasselli Toter (2.23); 21.40, [1 20 Dual H C 15 (CSF: 12.40, MR; MG

Libbar. 4.50 (2km M Helie) 1, FANTASTIC 4.50 (2km M Helie) 1, FANTASTIC 1.0087. Curren (1-21: 1. Thiskey 1: Mini-(7-3; 3, Factivet Remee) 5-2 (av). 11 rat. 5.22 (Jacopusine Dovie) Tote: 15:30; 5:14, 0; 1:80, 5:180, Dual F: 512,20, CSF 520,17 Tricast 244,52 Trio 52,20 5.06 (2km 110.996 Helie) 1, MATTA BROUZEL, R Johnson (3-1), 5, Meed Werten (15-6 (sv), 3; Ritsamb (7-2), 8 rat. 5,10, (1:5-6 (sv), 3; Ritsamb (7-2), 8 rat. 5,10, (1:5-0, Dual F: 8, 10, CSF: 52,88 JACKPOT: 224,907 70 QUADPOT: 57.70, PLACEPOT: 519.00.

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The result lifted Australia alongside the group leaders

8.465 (2m 1f Hdie): 1. AROUND THE GALS, R Dunwcody (4-5 fav); 2. batarma-gic (5-1); 3. Blas Fractacker (33-1). 7 ran. 15, 20 (D Gandotio) Tote: 51.60; 51.10. Ci 50. Dual F: C4 00. CSF (8.61 NF Tel-came Lady: 4.15 (2m 14 Courts Gh): 1. ALLO GEORODE, A Thorman (3-1). 2. Beau Ba-bellard (5-4 fav). 3. Eneral Blass (5-1). 4 ran.20. dist. (A Newcombel) Tote: 54.50. Dual F: CS.60 CSF E5 60 NF: Mesher Ody. 4.45 (2m 14 FLADE 1, THERE FAR-THINGS, G Upton (evens fav); 2. Kart-cleigh Blas (5-1); 3. Bask Avenue (10-1). 11 ran. 12, 14. (d Odd) Toter F1.50, C1.30. C4.20. D2.00. Dual F: CS-40. CSF E4.2 Tro: 521.20.

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West Indies in Jaipur on Monday. Sri Lanka, handed forfeit wins by Australia and West Indies, meet India in New Delhi today. If West Indies lose to Australia, the out-aiders Kenya can advance by beating Sri Lanka in the last group match in Kandy on Wednesday. In Lahore the battle of the

bottom two in Group B fea-tured a dazzling 84 in 68 balls from the United Arab Emired them to their first rld Cup victory when they

ates opener Saleem Raza. That and a five-wicket return by Shaukat Dukanwala pro-pelled them to their first t Holland by seven

cets. Diland made a useful 216 for nine in their 50 overs, with Dukanwala's gentle off-spin earning five for 29, but the Emirates raced to 220 for

Sport in brief

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The women's favourite, Paula

Radcliffe, last night pulled out of tomorrow's British Cross

Country Championships in Ashington. The 22-year-old Radcliffe, a strong medal con-

tender for the world champi

onships in Cape Town on March 23, cut and bruised a knee in a recent race in

Mark Hylton, Britain's

European junior champion, joined Britain's casualty list

for next weekend's European Indoor Championships in

Athletics

Luxembourg

nnings. The Emirates' captain Australian-style planning dominates Sri Lankan thinkheaped lavish praise on Du-kanwala and Raza but acing. Their fielding drills put England to shame and manknowledged his aide's limitamanagement is regarded as tions at international level. just as essential as technical 'We need a professional

coach to polish our skills," he said. "We have learned a lot man constantly looking at the "big picture". He professes: "There is from the tournament." Holland's captain Steven Lubbers said: "The Internamore to coaching than devel-oping cricketing skill. A tional Cricket Council must coach's job is all about man

open its doors to other crick management. You must iden eting nations to make this tournament truly global. This tify an individual's needs psychologically, motivationhas been good experience.'

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down the mountain in the two-leg race to claim her first downhill victory. Boxing Joe Bugner, twice refused a licence by the British Boxing Board of Control, will fight Brighton's Scott Welch for the

WBO Inter-Contintental beavyweight title in Berlin on March 16.

Snooker

Augume akumg WogLD CUP (Narvik, Nor): Worsser's dowesite T, V Zelenskiya (Rus) Truin 39.23esc. 2. P Street (US) 1.32.44; 3, H Zurbriggen (Swrtz) 139.84, 4; K Selzinger (Gar) 1.40.17; 6, R Gostschi (Auf) 1.40.23; 0, I Kostner (II) 1.40.58; 7, P Wiberg (Swe) 1.40.82; 8, B Mariin (II) 1.40.68; Standings (atter eight racas); 1, Street G4Opts, 2, Sal-Zinger 425; 3, Zelenskiya 396; 4, Kostner 395; 5, Zurbriggen 346; 6, A Maisenitzer (Auf) 277; 7, Gostori 259; 8, M Dorfmels-Iar (Auf) 253. Overall: 1, Selzinger 1, 182; 2; A Wacher (Auf) 691; 3, W Erd (Car) 596; 4, Street 537; 5, Meisenitzer 745; 8, Koghrer 705; 7, Wiberg 647; 8, Zurbrig-gen 629. John Parrott, the European Open champion in 1989 and 1990, secured his place in the semi finals of this year's tournament with a flattering 5-1 victory over Dave Harold in Malta, writes Clive Everton.

Snooker

He now faces Belfast's Joe Swail for a place in tomor-EUROPEAN OPEN (Malia). Quarter-final: J Perrott (Eng) bi D Harold (Eng) row's final,

SOUTHWELL 1.40 (1m 47) **1**, INOVAR, F Lynch (10-1): **2**, **Philmist**, 5-2 tav); **3**, Carol Again (4-1), 7 ran. 3.2 (C Soch) Tois: f13.10; C4.40, f2.20), Dual F: D53.90, CSF, C53.15; Tricast f11246, 7rio: V68.10, NF: Semeeten, Verto. **2.10** (67) **1**, DAAWE, F Lynch (7-2 tav), **2.10** (67) **1**, Data (7), Tricast (200, Dual F U7.90, CSF C10.07, Tricast (200, Dual F U7.90, CSF C10.07, Tricast (200, **2.40** (1m 47) **1**, **SULDOY**, **1** Ashley (7-3): **2**, El Nide (4-1); **3**, **Baber** (8-1), **8** ran. **8**, **2**E (1K Burke) Tole (5 20; E1.40, E1.70, C1 10 Dual F C13.10, CSF: E17.65, **2.10** (1m 47) **1**, DSSC OF GOLD, T Wil-lems (6-5 tav); **2**, Organzy (6-4); **3**, Ne-vens heights (8-1), **6** ran 20, 6 (M John-ston) Tole (2.40, 11.10, E1.60 Dual F: E1.80, CSF: C5.38. Stockholm when he pulled out of the 400 metres with a eroin strain. Skiing The American Picabo Stree clinched the World Cup women's downhill title ye terday when she finished second in the penultimate race of the season at Narvik in Norway. The Russian Var-vara Zelenskaya was fastest

Alpine Skiing

2.15 (25) of 1600 (1, 1000) 1, 1000 (1, 1000) 8, Kostner am 829

West2: Detroit 5, NY intenders 1: Florida 2. West2ington 2 (ot); Chicago 4, Colorado 3, Calgary 7, Pittsburgh 3; Vancouvier 2, St Louis 2 (ot). . . MEWBURY RELEWINGTON T 2.000 (200 + 110 yels Hadin) 1, BORDCAS-MARE, A P MoCov (13-8 184); 2, Junt 1s 2.00 (200 + 110 per 1), 10 run 5, 3 (A Jayo 1), 10 run 5, 3 (A Jayo 1), 10 run 5, 5 (200 + 10 per 1), 10 run 5, 5 (200 + 1





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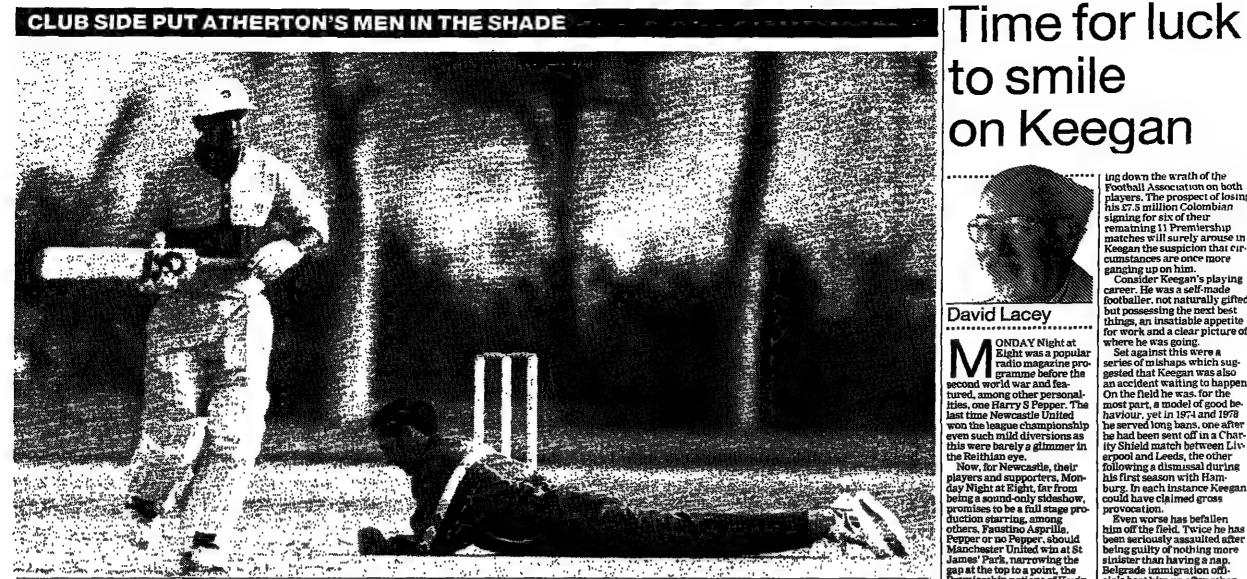
NEWTON ABBOT 9.15 (2nm 61 Mdie): 1, MILLION PHID R Dunwoody (9-2). 2, Clengarif Ch (11-4 jt fav): 3, Mr Pinyfull (5-1). 11-4

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Sports Guardian

CLUB SIDE PUT ATHERTON'S MEN IN THE SHADE



Rock bottom . . . Richard Illingworth is grounded as Karachi's club cricketers pile on the runs yesterday. Tomorrow England face the Pakistan national side

England flat out in farce

Mike Selvey in Karachi on the latest defeat of shuffing, vice-captain Alec they have come across in urgency, particularly with cord and eyes like the kites for Mike Atherton's ill-starred side for Mike Atherton's ill-starred side

ONSIDERING the England received, but did recent depths to not deserve, hair that. After which England wards Jack Russell, who with have sunk, it was hard to imagine them surpassing their own inentitude. Yesterday, however. they managed it against a Ka-rachi Cricket Association XI in no way encumbered by the presence of two of England's United down."

greatest cricket upset since...well, since Kenya beat West Indies, but few people actually expected Eng-land to win — and they did not disappoint. Graham Thorpe had batted against his team-mates, said that he was glad that he had not hit the winning runs. "It would," he said, "have been The omens had been there from the start when DeFrei-tas unpacked his kit to find that either he had grown 10 inches overnight or his trou-

that England's defeat was the greatest cricket upset men spent useful time in the

sers had suffered in the laun-Atherton ... in the runs despite latest defeat

Atherton got back into the swing a little with a 57-bail 51 before falling to an interna-tional combination of the legspinner Iqbal Sikander and the wicketkeeper-captain Moin Khan, both of whom were members of Pakistan's World Cup winning squad. There were useful contribu-tions from Neil Fairbrother

the game or too too an should want Newcastle to fail now, not after they have spent six-and-s-haif months demon-strating that it is possible to lead leagues by winning Friends as well as matches. Not for New castle United Not for New Cashe United the mean victory, with a goal grabbed and the game smoth-ered. As Kregan is forever reminding his players, they are part of the entertainment fours in his 58 before being bowled when sweeping Neil Smith's offspin. But Kashif made 71 before Reeve's bril-liant fielding ran him out from cover, and Russell (35) business. Presumably David Batty has been signed from Blackburn for his unique ren-

of salt

and Thorps (32) weighed in before Moin's vigorous undering of Any Old Iron. If fears of failure are being expressed, they arise largely besten 46 from 36 balls. Reputations were treated from the events of last week-lightly, with Cork's four overs end, when the nine-point lead

ing down the wrath of the Football Association on both players. The prospect of losing his £7.5 million Colombian signing for six of theur remaining 11 Premiership matches will surely arouse in Keegan the suspicion that circumstances are once more ganging up on him. Consider Keegan's playing areer. He was a self-made footballer. not naturally gifted but possessing the next best things, an insatiable appetite for work and a clear picture of where he was going. Set against this were a series of mishaps which sug-

Saturday March 2 1996

Eight was a popular radio magazine pro-gramme before the gested that Keegan was also an accident waiting to happen. On the field he was, for the most part, a model of good be-haviour, yet in 1974 and 1978 he served long bans, one after he had been sent off in a Char-ity Shield match between Liverpool and Leeds, the other following a dismissal during his first season with Ham-burg. In each instance Keegan could have claimed gross

ONDAY Night at

provocation. Even worse has befallen him off the field. Twice he has been seriously assaulted after being guilty of nothing more sinister than having a nap. Belgrade immigration offi-Premiership notions of Kevin Keegan's team will begin to be cials beat him up after other England players had larked about on a flight from Sofia accompanied by large pinches while he was asleep. Much more recently he was mugged Partisans excepted, nobody with a grain of affection for the game of football should in his car during a spot of shut-eye just off the M25.

> **EEGAN's nerve is not** he showed at Hamburg in overcoming German antipa-thy to win hearts as well as prizes? But as a manager he could now do with some of the luck which, when he was play-ing, deserted him when he needed it most: his flop in the 1980 European Champion-ship, for example, and the der that sailed wide of an inviting Spanish net when England went out of the World Cup two years later. The championship will not

side in their team.

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Karachi won a 50-over match on the delightful Gymkhana ground by five wickets. There were five balls remaining when a young man called Iqbal Imam cut the winning runs off Phil DeFreitas to clinch the match and prizemoney of US\$2,000 donated by a benefactor who knows a bit of sport when he sees it.

To add to England's embar. dry. When one of your leading ressment — and the general air of farce — Michael Atherbowlers looks like Max Wall it becomes hard not to regard ton had an urgent call of na-ture and missed the presentathe lot as a bunch of comedi ans. Raymond Illingworth tion caramony. Twice he was was not laughing, however, asked to step forward by the You see more aggression in president of the Karachi a match between Farsley and Cricket Association, first to receive a commemorative tie "We just don't run our first and then to collect the losers' runs hard enough." cheque. And twice, after a lot Batting first on what was

Sky imposes Bruno-Tyson news black-out

(44 from 51 halls) and later Dermot Reeve, who hit two sixes and five fours in his 82 before being run out off the penultimate ball of the innings. But 264 for six ought to have been 300 plus. The reply was cruel, though, with an opening stand of 114 between Kashir

Ahmed and Shadab Ahmed an 18-year-old slip of a left-

being carved for 22 runs, De-Freitas going for almost a run a ball and Reeve and Smith exceeding that comfortably. Only Richard Illingworth (2-39) and Darren Gough (0-42) have nothing to feel comfortable about. "Will wash at Bolton. someone get rid of these buf-foons," one wit muttered.

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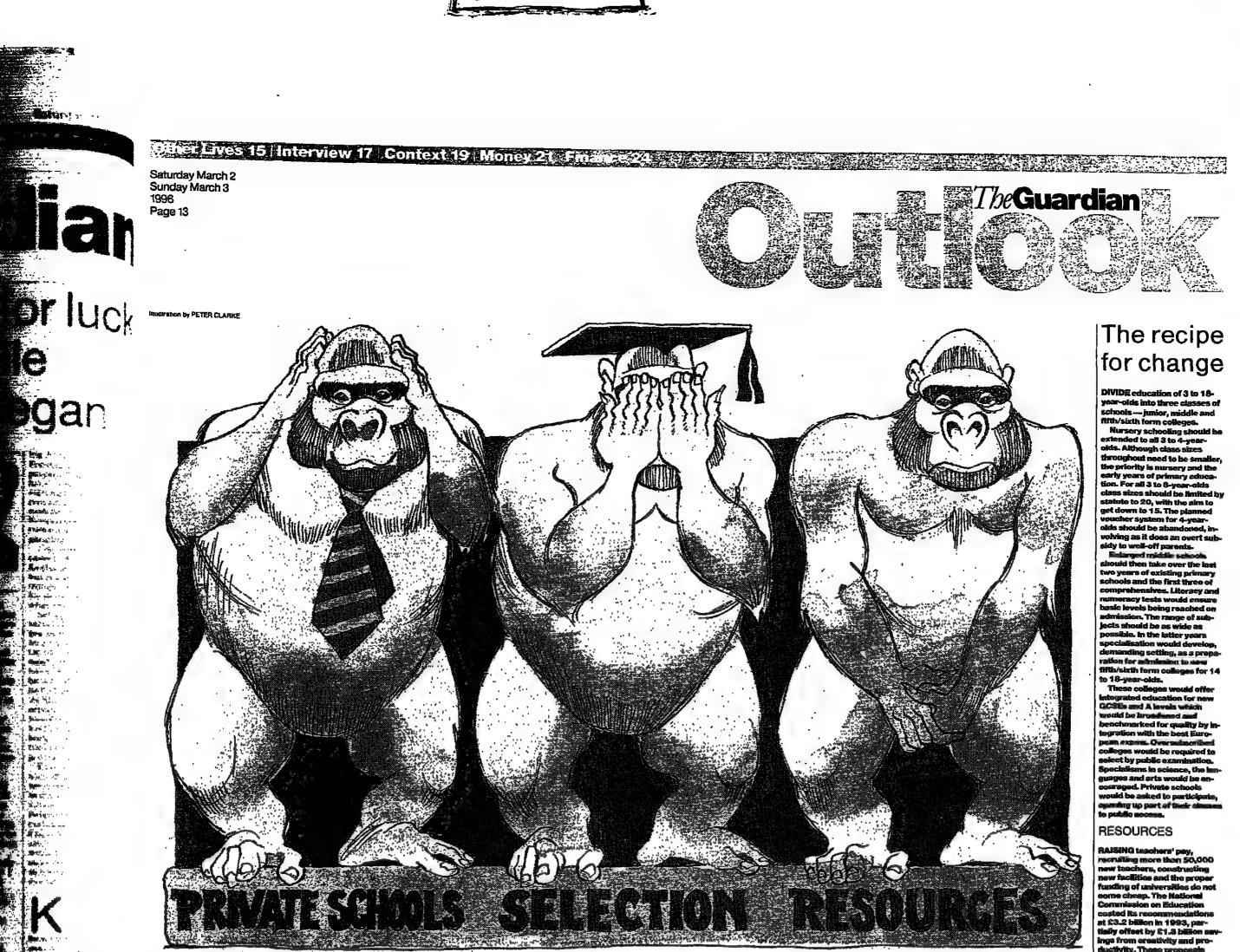
of eight days earlier was be settled on Monday but the reduced to four. Newcestle result will go some way towards deciding the severity baving taken one point from a of strain imposed on Keegan and his squad during their siz-goal thriller with Man-chester City, Manchester United proceeded to gather remaining matches. They can three from a six-goal whitedo it the easy way or the hard way and, as the sergeant in Then there was the Asprilla **Reluctant Heroes informed** business, an elbow and a head-butt allegedly aimed at City's

his recruits: "The easy way ain't easy — but the 'ard way's Klingon, Keith Curle, bringbloody 'ard!"

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WILL HUTTON says we can avoid the looming crisis in education if we properly fund and commit to a system which recognises differing abilities; while (right) he shows how we can achieve those aims

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around 0.5 per cant of GDP. Local authorities, who hould control the sy must be permitted to rale de. Core fi however, would have to co

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financial sources There is a growing decline In confidence in the basic insti-tution of secondary education the comprehensive — which is extending to the primary school Standards are palpably inadequate; crisis is an overused word but British education is close to that point. The system has come to this pass in part because of the reforms of the past 10 years. The greater access to informa tion about the performance of British schools has proved discomforting, if not alarming. The explosion of students undertaking higher education is welcome but it has been ac-

HE British educa-tion system is buckcompanied by the largest fall in spending per student of any large industrialised country. ling under the The current round of expendi-ture cuts is threatening the weight of incompatible demands. From nursery school to sustainability of university university there are ever education.

higher expectations of educa-This impover ishment of the tional achievement which are British state education system is the central fact of its exishaving to be met as the system suffers from an unprecedented tence. Spending për pupil — already less than haif of that leemed adequate in public schools — has progressively sunk to ever lower levels. Teachers' pay is at its lowest level in relation to average earnings for 20 years, while a derisory level of capital spend-ing has led to dramatic underresourcing of every aspect of school life, most marked in cience and technology. Schools and universities have been required to make compensating "productivity" in-creases as if they were manu-facturing widgets; but the process of teaching and learn-ing is not parallel to factory production. The greatest men-

ace to state education has been its commoditisation in the earch for expenditure cuts. But the second fundamental fact of British education is its surrender to the dictates of

social engineering rather than universal high standards notions perfectly captured by the taboo on public discussion of private schools and selection. For the British middle class and the Conservative party the private school sys-tem is its own form of social engineering — a means of en-suring that its offspring have privileged access to educational achievement, personal social networks, the "right" kind of peer pressure and the subtle nuances of accent and leportment that define membership of the British elite. The assisted places scheme offers a hand up to the poorer members of the middle class unable to afford the average annual fees of £5.000 or more, and sends the vital message that state education is second

best while solidifying support for private schools in the crucial middle-class constituency.

Meanwhile, hostility to selection, even though it is the asis of university admission and the grading of all public examinations, attempts to cement another form of social engineering for those who have not opted out - and thereby make standards and expecta-tions of educational achievement at best equal and at worst secondary to the achievement of a bastardised idea of equality. Here the long shadow of the

divisive 11-plus examination dogs any attempt to open up econdary education to the urgent educational necessity of grouping students of compara-ble ability, enthusiasm and in-terest into classes and schools in which their interests can best be served. This fails both the long tail of underper-formers who need the system biased in their favour and the high achievers.

ing independent schools, underfunded comprehensives assuming the mantle of the old discredited secondary mo-derns, indifferent standards, a demoralised and underpaid teaching profession, an opted-out middle class unwilling to pay taxes for a state education system to which it does not send its children, universities on the point of bankruptcy — and Britain sitting at the bottom of the international league tables of educational achievement. Any response requires the construction of a national consensus; a minimum of shared aims about what the structure of the education sys tem should be, how it should be funded and what should be taught. But here Britain falls at the first hurdle. Successive educational com missions may urge closing the gulf between academic and vo-cational attainment and the construction of socially and intellectually balanced schools - but to do so in the face of a private school system as en-trenched and powerful as that to Britain is baying for the moon. The elite are largely educated at private schools private schools offer an academic education; ergo an academic education is the avenue to elite economic and social status and thus of higher value. Equally, if 8 per cent of children, necessarily those of high-income families placing a high value on education, opt out into private schools the

Yet even the admirable National Commission on Education, chaired by Sir Claus Moser and whose report emains the bible about Britdemn their children. ish education, remained silent on the question. Not one of its 16 recommendations — themselves largely ignored — touched the subject. It is too hot to handle. Defenders of private educainequality and large class izes. There is little doubt that tion may insist that freedom of choice is an unassailable human right; but western philosophy has been wrestling for two millennia with the neces-sity that liberty may have to be qualified if other no less important values — for example equality of opportunity and social cohesion — are to have any meaning. Your freedom to educate your child privately (a freedom in any case dependent on your income) qualifies the equality of opportunity to which my child is no less entitled in any just society. And the more children are educated privately the more that fundamental inequality is in-creased. This is Britain's guilty secret; everybody knows it. Nobody, apart from a few mavericks such as George Walden MP, chooses to say it. Yet the increasing disap-pearance of the middle class from state schools is not the only brake on educational at tainment and social balance: growing crisis in the state secthere is the content of what is taught, the expectations alike of teacher and pupil and the tor where it does exist. I offer, right, one way forward. intellectual composition of classes. Here again ideology Leader Comment, page 14.

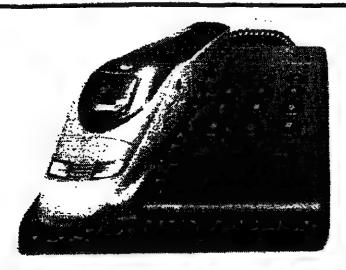
tional conditions in which ational ins even those citizens most loyal ce contribu tions would raise more than C2 billion, while the phased to universal state education feel they can no longer conwithdrawal of all tax priv and subsidies to private The disappointing interna-tional comparisons over eduschools would raise and cational standards are not merely a reflection of the dis-proportionate impact of social EVALUATION

and TARGETS

British pedagogic techniques notably low expectations of what children can achieve, SCHOOLS and univ need to join in the culture of along with the way classes are constituted are also part of the story. Inexorably we are led straight to the tension between the educational necessity of streaming and selecting to twengh raising largets, et meet the capacities of similarly able pupils and the social need not to damn different students maturing at different speeds into lower status. Some comprehensives in socially cohesive parts of the country, fed by strong local primary schools, do far better than the black propaganda against state education suggests and would do better still if properly resourced; but this cannot wish away the growing problems of the rest of the system, which all of Britain's urban conurba-tions are now facing. The task is to find a struc-ture which does not endanger the current areas of excellence while turning around the

evaluation, spreading inforsorutinty. The league table mends to become a tool of imnt, not a rat race-The end result would be a ovitalised state system. Suo ssful compre o middle school would beco and Billi watth form tolk on the same campus while ex is the grammer schools could dated; else much schools would be areted. The private schools would have some solid com patition. Selection and stree ng would enter the state syswhile the comprehen honsive prin ciple would remain for as long as possible, but at some stage the resulty of differing inte tuai cap acity has to be recog nised. The middle class wo be tempted back into a highquality state system and the

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This way to boost schools

HO is right: the old left which declares there is nothing wrong with comprehensive schools, or the new right which wants selection back? Neither, but David Blunkett will not win unanimous applause for saying so. In his keynote speech this week, the shadow Education Secretary could not have been blunter: comprehensive schools had not reduced educational inequality, too many comprehensives had replicated the worst features of the old secondary moderns, expectations were "often too low", and rather than focus on every pupil reaching his full potential, they had instead developed "an unfortunate association with rigid mixed ability teaching".

Wow! Wait for fireworks. No Labour education spokesman has ever been so critical of comprehensives. Yet the response has not been explosive. For several reasons. Mr Blunkett is rightly not advocating the return of selection. The eleven plus which branded 75 per cent of pupils as "failures" has no place in a modern world in which some countries send 75 per cent on to higher education.

Recent polls show parents remain opposed to selection at 11. But the muted response has other causes. Belatedly the left is recognising debate about the future of comprehensives should not be left to the Tory press and rightwing pres-sure groups. Raising standards should be a leftwing cause — particularly the stan-dards of less academic children. Of course there are good comprehensives. Of course there are bigger problems in urban than suburban comprehensives. But Blunkett was right not to duck behind these facts.

A succession of international studies - and our own school inspectors - have shown how far standards must be raised. In maths, for example, our average 14year-olds are one year behind their German contemporaries but, even worse, the bottom 40 per cent are two years behind. This month's annual report from the school inspectors showed no closing of the education gap: "the most successful secondary schools achieve GCSE results twice as good as others in similar socio-economic circumstances and six times better than those achieved by the least successful in less favoured areas". A follow up parliamentary question from Labour found the GCSE results of the top 20 per cent of schools were 12 times better than the bottom 20 per cent, which average a mere one C per pupil.

The most interesting response was from an old dinosaur, which is metamorphosing into a modern monitor: the NUT. The teachers' union signalled its readiness to look at every sacred cow, even decoupling mixed ability from the comprehensive goal. And rightly so - as

the Guardian was arguing two decades ago. In fact 60 per cent of secondary school classes are now based on ability either through setting or streaming. But this is skewed by the high proportion in the fifth year. Blunkett's call for less mixed ability, more help to gifted and less academic children, more specialisation within individual comprehensives is right.

The leaked draft Dearing report on 16 to 19 education which we publish today identifies other important ways of raising standards -- particularly for the most demotivated pupils. About 20 per cent of 16-year-olds fail to achieve even level G in English and maths. Dearing's solution is to remotivate them through vocationally relevant activity from the age of 14, possibly in FE colleges rather than school. Just as important, Sir Ron recognises clearly enough that voca-tional education should not just be reserved for the less bright. His proposals involve a framework covering all abilities, twin academic and vocational tracks in schools, each giving access to higher education and both ensuring there is breadth as well as depth. His package would also broaden A levels as employers and many educationalists have urged, raise the status and standards of vocational education through applied A levels, and give students the choice of pursuing a single track or selecting subjects from each. The single package deals with the two most serious educational challenges: disaffected 14year-olds, and meeting the needs of the increasing number of non-academic children who now stay on beyond 16.

Cutting royals down to size

ONE OF the truly difficult decisions one might be called on to make in this life is whom to side with in the forthcoming Battle of the Baubles - Charles or Diana. Does she have squatter's rights at Kensington Palace? Should she be given a palatial pile in Norfolk to compensate for the loss of Highgrove? Should he be expected to cough up for all this from his own pocket money or should the Queen dip into her hidden resources? What is it worth not to write a book? And how much is it worth for her to keep the coveted title "Her Royal Highness". The Daily Mail, blessed with an open line to Kensington Palace, was typically helpful yesterday in providing a detailed breakdown of Diana's modest outgoings ranging from accommodation costs (£303,978 a year) down to her taste in underwear (Donna Karan intimates etc at £4,004 a year). We are not sure where the stray £4 came from: probably VAT or a spare piece of elastic. Total annual expenditure was £751,005 a year, though the Mail thinks she would settle for a "cleanbreak" lump sum of £15 million.

This is a difficult area because nobody knows what the market worth of a discarded royal really is. Perhaps it is time to find out. After all, if the Government really believes that everything is more efficiently done by the private sector, why should the monarchy, which has been ossifying in the public sector for longer than any other institution, be exempt? Just as the private sector bid this week for the lowest subsidy with which to run the Channel Tunnel rail link, so companies should bid for the lowest subsidy with which to run Diana's entourage. Surely a working princess doesn't need both a palace and a country house: aromatherapy massages could be fortnightly instead of weekly and, for goodness sake, there's nothing wrong with Marks & Sparks underwear. No one would know the difference except those who helped get her into all this bother in the first place.

If royalty is to be market-tested it should also swallow the Government's other patent cure: downsizing. While the civil service and industry have been slimming down drastically, there has been an explosion of dukedoms, princes and princesses - few with anything sensible to do - which will erode the popularity of the monarchy at a time when it needs all the friends it can get. There are now nearly 50 members of the royal family including 17 royal princes and princesses entitled to use the coveted prefix, HRH. If the monarchy continues to wash its dirty linen in public it will find that its existence will increasingly be questioned. As with a company fearing a hostile take-over, it should shrink to sur-vive. Princess Di should seize the initiative by abandoning the title HRH. the dignity of which has been eroded by her public antics. Or she should go the whole hog, like the pop idol Prince, and change her name to something which more clearly reflects her new status: the artist formerly known as Princess.



The fighting did stop, and Europe put in 50 million dol-lars worth of aid. But the absence of combat and the presence of large sums of money did not lead to a re-unification of the city. The Croats of Her-zegovina, who regard Mostar as their capital, are uninter-ested in Mostar becoming once again a genuinely mixed com-munity. They almost killed the EU administrator, Hans Koschnick, because he pro-posed a large, mixed and neu-tral area in the centre of the city, Richard Holbrooke then gave in to Croat pressure at the Rome meeting, scaling down Koschnick's neutral central district, a decision which led to Koschnick's resignation. The Bosnian Muslims have

been battered by the war and are committed, in principle and to an extent in practice, to ethnic tolerance. The Bosnian Serbs have lost the war. They are weak and scared, and their discredited leadership must sooner or later give way to a more acceptable one ready to take some of the decisions, at the very least needed to restore economic life. The

Croats of central Bosnia suf-fared as badly as anybody else But the Hersegovina Croats have lost little and want a lot. Paying no attention to federal pieties, they maintain what is in effect their own state, and they want Mostar as its capital. They usually carry Croatia's president, Franjo Tudj-



should be lecturing us on basic diagnostic skills instead of our illy addiction to night calls. This would mean treating us like adults, not children. B fore they pursue this radical course, however, they should think of the other conse-quences of turning us into a nation of auto-doctors. The em-powered patient is one who knows the difference between good and bad treatment, who asks detailed questions and who is more likely to make a insists that hospitals will only become the efficient

biny become the entricking to be when they figure out how to eliminate patients. Now it seems that GPs are drifting towards the same conclusion. benefits of uninterrupted sleep will be offset by the stress that will come from dealing with people who have acquired enough know-how to work out what my doctor friends are al-ways saying to each other privately in nervous jest — that medicine is mostly to do with

with science. It does not take any medical skill to see that they have mis-diagnosed their own complaint. Night callers might be

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A grim tale of two cities

Sarajevo and Mostar — both symbolise the conflict in Bosnia but, says MARTIN WOOLLACOTT, it is the latter which holds the key to its future. Illustration by PETER TILL

WO cities above all have come to represent the tragedy of Bosnia. Sarajevo, pounded by the Bos

nian Serbs for three-and-a-half years from its own surroundng hills; and Mostar, chopped in half by fighting betwee Muslims and Croats. Even though a sort of peace has ar-rived, the fate of Bosnia still depends very largely on what happens in these two places. The Sarajevo authorities yesterday took over more of what had been the Serb-held suburbs. The city is now sol-idly connected with governnt-held territory els where. The shift in Sarajevo's es was shown not only by this formal end to the state

of siege, but by the indictmen in The Hague of General Djordje Djukic, the Bosnian Serb logistics chief who, mong other things, ors nised the steady flow of shells to the guns and mortars which battered Sarajevo. General Djukic is the man who took a wrong turn on the outskirts of Sarajevo and found himself in custody, first that of the Bosnian government and then of the International War Crime Tribunal. Quite a logistical eat, to set out for a two-mile drive in the Balkans and end up in prison in Holland. The question of war crimes

at the Tories and roared,

Dayton Agreement took hold. The reaction of the Bosnian Serbs after the detention of Djukic and his companions suggested to some that they might be able to return to their old game of manipulating and blackmailing Western troops. The posturing of Radovan Karadzic in Pale made people angry. His easy passage through the checkpoints of the Implementation Force seemed to point up the hypocrisy of assuming a responsibility for the apprehension of war criminals but in practice failing to exercise it. The commitment to apprehend was further watered down at the recent Rome meeting at which the US negotiator Richard Holrooke refettled the Dayton Agreement. The sad fact that only a few

brave spirits are ready to cross the lines of ethnic divthe possibility that the Bosnian Serbs might in some way go back on the deal that was done at Dayton, and the disision has underlined the extent to which Dayton endorses partition. The bad news in

have noted, has not gone

Sarajevo is that virtually all maily small number of refuees returning to their former iomes, have dominated disthe Serbs in the newly-ac-quired suburbs ran away. The osnian government, according to the recently resigned prime minister, Haris Silajdric, did not make any forceful efforts to persuade them to stay. The best that can be hoped for is that if those who do are not treated badly. more might return, in time. The large scale return of expelled populations — or their staying put when jurisdiction changes - is not, at this moment, a realistic possibility. A return to ethnic tolerance and to living together, if it comes, has to follow positive political developments. In both the Serbian and the Bosnian zones these are not be-yond the bounds of possibility. Silaidzic intends to form a new political party that will be aggressively multi-ethnic and pluralist and will oppose what he calls the "bad copy" of the communist system toward which he sees the present regime drifting. Silajdzic is popular, particularly in Sara-jevo. He could be the natural

choice of the educated and ethnically-tolerant class in the capital and in some other can tres, like Tuzla, and he might be able, in the coming elec-tions, to pull together an oppo sition front that could deny President Alia Izetbegovic'a Party of Democratic Action a two-thirds majority. In the Bosnian Serb republic, Karad-zic and Ratko Miadic appear vulnerable, opposed by groups within the main party and in opposition parties. Much of this is manipulated by Slobodan Milosevic and cannot be taken at face value. But there is the possibility of the emergence of a more reasonable Bosnian Serb lead ership, one with less direct responsibility for the war. The most serious problem in Bosnia is the one symbolised by Mostar. When the European Union took over responsi bility for the city, the idea was to stop the fighting, separate the combatants, put in plenty of aid to rebuild the city, and finally, to achieve agreemen on how to re-unify it. It was a sort of Dayton in miniature.

man, with them, partly because that is his instinct anyway, and partly because Herzogovina families, big in business and connected to organised crime, are influential supporters in Croatia proper as well as in Bosnia.

If they are allowed to consolidate their position, then the chances are high that the Bosnian peace will come apar not too long after American troops withdraw, along the Muslim-Croat fault line. Here is where the muddled rivalry between Europe and the United States comes into play. Jermany and America are both patrons of Tudiman, and he is able on occasion to play them off against each other, as he did in Rome over the Mostar issue. Tudjman is the victo of the Yugoslav wars. The choice he faces over his Herzogovina allies is a critical one. He could bring them to heel, forcing them to give up their separate path and its symbol dominance of Mostar. That would involve reaching out to an opposition, at home in Cro-atia, with which he is at daggers drawn. But the fact that Tudiman could not get a twothirds majority in the general elections even after the Krajina triumph suggests that Croats in Croatia remain dubl ous about Bosnian wars and Bosnian risks. A shrewd leader would recognise the need to occupy the centre ground. On Tudiman's choice much will depend, which is why Mostar, rather than Sara-

the common cold, and it is not unknown, they say, for patients to call their GP out be cause they've run out of tam-pons, or have just had it with: knee that's been bothering them for six months, or are not quite sure if they're well enough to go to a cocktail

Maureen Freely

This week the BMA

isunched a government-backed campaign to shame us into "thinking twice" before

calling doctors out at night. Apparently night calls have doubled in the past three

years. Most of these unneces

sary visits are to people who

don't seem to have caught on

that medicine has no cure for

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DOCTOR friend of mine

party. This can't go on, they now tell us. Morale has never been lower amongst doctors, and so they need their sleep more than ever. If they are tired at morning surgery because a chronic NHS abuser bas woken them up at two in the morning on account of a lost medicine cabinet key, the qual ty of care will decline and we will all suffer.

What we are supposed to do to help doctors help us, then, is act on the assumption that most illnesses are not serious and can either wait till morn-ing or cure themselves without a poor overworked GP losing any time over it at all. I find this directive rather puzzling as I thought that the main reason GPs have kent in contact with patients throughout history is their conviction that they and only they can tell the difference between, say, a baby with a high fever and a haby with meningitis, or a case of indigestion and a heart attack, or breathing trouble due to a strained muscle and a collapsed lung. Surely it is to catch the one

serious problem that has made GPs willing to go out on hun-dreds of calls to patients who could have muddled through without them. If they want us

annoying but they are not the reason why morale among GPs is so low, especially not in practices like the one I attend, which refer after-hour hypochonoriacs to a hospital pri-mary care unit that will only send out someone to see you at home after a lengthy telephone interrogation, and is very care-ful to administer correct treatment without any hint of a bedside manner that might tempt you to abuse their goodwill again. No — if GPs are suffering from insomnia and patient hatred, it's because of the strain of having to run their practices like businesses, and to treat their patients like ustomers. Both run counter

to their training. To do their jobs well, these loctors would have been better advised to get their first degrees in management. It's government policy that is the culorit here and it's political naivety that keeps doctors from understanding how con-venient it is for Stephen Dorrell to keep them in the dark by playing on their traditional contempt for childish and unasonable patients.

We can't let them go on like this. It's not good for their health. How to go against de cades of entrenched political ignorance? It isn't easy having to be your GP's GP. A good edside manner is as tricky as it is essential. It might be bet ter to keep our political advice general. Perhaps we should take a leaf from Dorrell's book and stun them into awareness with a condescending publicity campaign.

Smallweed



OBIN COOK'S fine R speech in the Com-mons debate on Scott ended with words which independent-minded MPs will treasure. The first func tion of Parliament, the tiny statesman pointed his beard | tion may not have failed to

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was to hold governments to double negatives. But could account, regardless of party allegiance. Quite right too. these tiresome formulas be MPs are not sent to Westthe work of another hand? "You shouldn't blame Scott minster by their constituents to serve as mere lobby for double negatives," a fodder. Whether these man not inexperienced in the role of Whitehall perteachings will be quite as much in vogue when the manent secretary has softly Blairocracy takes over is, confided to agents of Smallhowever, another matter. It may be that fierce clashes weed. "Everyone knows that is Robin Butler's will occur as a Labour govstyle." The Robin Butler, ernment sets off down that is, who is Cabinet Secroads which backbenchers retary, who believes that don't approve of. The whips half the picture is an accept will mutter menacingly. able form of the truth and Whereupon, I predict, who not long ago played the role of Hercule Poirot in the rebellious members will produce their dog-eared matter of Jonathan Aitcuttings of Cook, read then ken's bills. He's also a popuout in tones of horrible lar tip as the man most sanctimony, and declare likely to have twisted the that they're not to be buljudge's arm in the interest of curbing his language. lied into submission . . . Perhaps Labour ought to

ICE-CHANCELLOR commission one of those SCOTT, as readers abacademics who, by comparstaining from inattening their use of language.

Hamlet or A S Byatt the anpunished for his love of arly works of Joan Collins to test this theory. Should tests prove positive, it would no doubt enhance the **Cabinet Secretary's chances** of enjoying a peaceful early retirement rather than being steamrollered into further service by Blair. ENYA'S triumph over the West Indies went

anreported on news bulletins in Nairobi. Could it be that no one made plans to cover the match because in such encounters the Kenyans are always expected to lose? If so, should not the BBC now apply the same principle to the exploits of England's cricketers, at least till results get better?

TTH the Government's majority dwindling, a process which will surely continue proves that Marlowe wrote should they ever conde-

that's due in Staffordshire, the BBC and ITN are frantically laying their plans to cover the next general election, all too aware of the ob loquy which awaits them if they get anything wrong. Executives known to Smallweed are in a state of torment after a fierce assault launched on them by the famous psephologist and wily leg-spinner, Robert Waller, in the latest edition of his Almanac Of British Politics. Unexpectedly, he recalls in an entry on Sunderiand North, this was the first seat to declare a result in the 1992 election, wrong footing the BBC, who weren't there, and to some extent ITN, as they declared that Bill Etherington had "got back in" when in fact he was a new candidate, replacing the far left ex-bus driver who had sat for this seat for nine years. A deserved rebuke no

scend to call the byelection

doubt, and executives are shamed of themselves. Except that the first seat to de clare wasn't Etherington's Sunderland North but Chris Mallin's Sunderland Sonth.

jevo, is the key to Bosnia's future.

S MALLWEED was truly horrified to read the letter in Thursday's Guardian from Councillor Nimrod Ping, of Brighton, who seemed to have taken this column's kindly reference to him a fortnight ago as implying that neithe he nor his adversary in the case of a planned relief road Keith Trampleasure, really exist, and threatening to call on the services of several hundred solicitors with names like Posnip and Grasphose to redress the

imagined wrong. Smallweed never raised any doubt about Trampleasure, whose name, he said. was obviously natural. As to Ping. Smallweed merely fantasised (and one is

allowed to fanatasise, is one not, in any free country) that just possibly the councillor was not born with his present name, but might in stead have adopted it in ace of an earlier name he found dull or embarrassing like Arthur Grotty, or John Selwyn Gummer. In such a predicament, I imagined, he night simply one day have changed with a most melodious twang from a Grotty (or Gummer) into a Ping. This point, I have to say, is not cleared up by the coun-cillor's letter. "Once a Ping, always a Ping," he might well have riposted. But he didn't. We may, I suspect, not yet have heard the last word on this matter.

WEN MURRAY, outed by Smallweed last week as Professor of Accordion Studies at the Royal Academy of Music, apparently isn't the only one. Richard Russell writes

from Bowmore. Isle of Islay, the locale as I under stand it of a buge concentration of Smallweed readers, to chide me for not attending the concerts given in Port Ellen over the past two years by Professor Oleg Sharov, who teaches the classical accordion at the conservatoire in St Petersburg. "I am not now, and never have been, an accordionist," my correspondent SSUPPS the

as it goes, but what I had secretly hoped for was evidence of something still more exotic, like a Profes sor of Mouth Organ Studies at somewhere like Plymouth or Ports-mouth. Any such sighting will be richly rewarded by Smallweed. perhaps with a ticket for l'uesday's epic clash between Rotherham and Carlisle in the Auto Windscreens Northern Area final, first leg.

This is all very well as far

Policy breakdown on the road to peace



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Martin Kettle ************************

SUSUAL, Tony Benn oversimplified. But, as usual, there was some truth in what he said. Benn popped up on the radio this week to discuss Labour's preparations for office and pronounced that the vital thing r any incoming government is to know where it wants to go.

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Characteristically, the man who has more Cabinet experi-ence than any other Labour MP made it all sound much more straightforward than it ever is. Among the bits he left out was the part about the

power of events to change eve he was right to try. What made the best laid plans of mice and Benn. But his essential point it possible was that Gladstone knew what he wanted over emains. Governments need to Ireland. know where they are heading. That knowledge does not in Can the same be said of John Major and Northern Ireland itself solve anything, much today? And can the same be less guarantee success. But in most circumstances a policy said of the Labour Party which

so assiduously supports his aim is a necessary precondi-Irish policy at every turn? I am tion of policy success and it is much more important than the not so sure. And I am not so sure because it is not clear detail of how such a success is where British policy is ultito be achieved. If you do not mately aiming. know your destination, all More than two years into the Northern Ireland peace pro-cess the objective of British policy in Northern Ireland routes are in danger of leading When Gladstone won the

casions. Sometimes the em-phasis in on politics. At other times it is on security. The connection between the two is arbitrarily and inconsistently nade. Ask yourself what is this country's policy aim over Northern Ireland and even | 1868 election he famously annow the answer is opeoue. nounced that his mission was The same can certainly not to pacify Ireland. The Grand be said of the IRA. The IRA's Old Man was certainly fuzzy ims are what they have alabout the detail and in the end ways been - the expulsion, by he did not succeed. But there can be little disagreement that

force if necessary, of British rule from Northern Ireland and the formation of an allfreland republic. They reaffirmed these aims only on Thursday after their meeting with John Hume. It is axiomatic that there is no real disagreement among

remains frustratingly ambigu-

republicans about these aims. and that there is no existential crisis in the IRA. There is no philosophical debate in its ranks about what the Chartists used to call the moral force versus physical force argu-ment. Both remain acceptable means to the 400 or so mili-tants who comprise the IRA. The argument about ce land. But it is a big leap from

fires, such as it is, is wholly tactical. The aims of the IRA struggle have not been altered. Just occasionally, there is a hint from Gerry Adams and especially, from Mitchell McLaughlin that a limited compromise might be poss-ible. In 1993, Adams spoke of the need for "Northern majority consent" to reunification. McLaughlin has echoed the phrase more than once. It is ust possible that some repubs would be prepared to aclicar cept Northern consent in return for some form of London-Dublin condominium over Ulster, especially if they have persuaded themselves that Ulster's population trends will produce a Catholic majority within as little as a decade. Yet even this speculation begs the earlier and more difficult question about where Britain really stands. The furthest that the Government has ever gone towards this hypo-thetical deal with the IRA is the Peter Brooke phrase, now embodied in the joint frame work document, about Britain not having a "selfish or strate gic interest" in Northern Ire-

Britain has a policy aim of ending the violence. Quite apart from the normal human preference for peace as against war, the peace process began because Britain was finding the price of the Ulster conflict too high. The explosions in the City and the threats to Heathrow had even greater implica-tions than the already high and seemingly unending secu-rity commitments in Ulster. After the IRA ceasefire took root in August 1994 it sometimes looked as though the

only aim that really mattered in British policy had already been achieved. Having got the ceasefire, London seemed in no hurry to go for a political polution.

there to accepting a condomin-ium, or any other form of

shared or diluted sovereignty

solution. No such leap has been made and, indeed, Britain has

always firmly denied any will-

HAT is clear is that

ingness to agree to such a solution.

If that was true, even at a subconscious level, then the end of the ceasefire shows that

it was not an adequate approach. The Canary Wharf bombing marked a policy fail-ure for Britain, which the Government has appeared very

eager to remedy ever since. Last week's Major-Bruton communique showed an agreed sense of urgency which had been lacking on the British side before. It is simply untrue to pretend that British policy has not been influenced by the resumed bombing campaign. But where is that policy aiming? The question still de-mands to be asked. If, as logic suggests, the answer is towards some sort of new Anglo-Irish constitutional settlement in Ulster, then Britain is going a very odd way about it. Instead of approaching each

step in the process as an opportunity to secure such a goal, the Government gives every appearance of being dragged and chivvied there against its better judgment by the Irish. The logic of British policy is that Britain ought to get round the table with Sinn Fein. But instead we seem endlessly de termined to place conditions in the way of that outcome. If

John Major really is a peace maker, then on too many occasions he behaves like a very

reluctant and grudging one This week's communique was a case in point. Although it was a breakthrough in terms of earlier conditions on Sinn Fein participation, it promptly imposed fresh ones in their place. These included a cease-fire before ministerial talks. and agreement to the Mitchell Report before Sinn Fein can take part in substantive negotiations.

It is undeniable that the latest bombings have introduced new problems, but in the confusion London seems unable to remember where its interests lie. The current excessively conditional approach gives us the worst of all worlds. It reassures no one, and it sows suspi-cion everywhere. It is difficult to believe that Major seriously fears for his Commons major ity, especially when Labour supports the policy. The fact that he takes away with one hand what he gives with the other suggests that there is a crucial lack of clarity in the Government's purpose towards Northern Ireland

Beaten by a team of part-timers? We deserved it

TREVOR McDONALD on the Windjes' humiliating defeat in the World Cup

HE real shock is that the Kenyans were the ones to do it. But that the West Indies were humiliated by a team of enthusiastic part-timers should have come as no great surprise. The decline of West Indies cricket has been gradual but inexorable. For some time now it's been slipping from its once Olympian invincibility into the shadows of national disgrace. This widely known in the Caribbean, but the adminis trators of the game there appear to have neither the power nor the resolution to arrest the slide.

The West Indies were extremely fortunate to escape with a drawn series in England last summer. For that, as usual, they can partly thank England.

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such was the disarray. Things became so bad that Brian Lara, the team's un-doubted batting star, had to be persuaded not to leave. Of course in a way, he later did, when he refused to oin the tour after the one in England. Last December in the West Indies I watched with mounting incredulity as almost all the commu-nity and political resources in the region were deployed to coax Lara back to the team. It was a singularly unappealing sight. No one blames Brian Lara entirely. He has probably suffered most from the team's rank indiscipline. But the spec-

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With former eastern bloc countries still uncovering skeletons left in communist cupboards, JONATHAN STEELE reports on how one Czech ex-dissident has cleared his name

When the saints are accused of sinning

AN KAVAN reaches into a drawer and pulls out his collection of British passports. In each one the photo is different. Sometimes he sports a beard, sometimes a hairpiece. In this one he wears asses, in that one he doesn and in every passport he has a different name. Fitted out with this array of

covers, Kavan ran one of the cold war's most successful efforts to undermine commu nism in eastern Europe. From a base in London he organised a secret delivery service which smuggled documents and opposition literature from echoslovakis to western Europe, and sent letters and political messages back. British couriers with paper strapped to their bodies and tourists driving camper vans with false compartments brought tons of forbidden material through the Iron Curtain over a period of almost 20 years. The first underground statement by Alexander Dubcek, the deposed leader of the Prague Spring, came out this way. So did the rousing essay, The Power Of The Powerles by Vaclav Havel, the country's ding dissident who became Crech president when the communist regime collapsed. At the height of the camign, Kavan risked his life by making three secret trips to Pragae. On one of them, with-out being spotted by the secret points, he managed to meet Have to co-ordinate the oppo-

sition movement. The extraordinary success

of Kavan's escapades prompted some Czechs to won-der whether he was not playing a double game. Could he be linked to the STB, the local equivalent of the KGB? After the velvet revolution which toppled the communists in No vember 1989, files emerged which showed that as the official London representative of the Union of Czechoslovak Stu dents in 1969 and 1970, Kavan had regular contacts with the cultural attache of the Czecho slovak embassy. The 500-page

file also revealed that the diplomat was an STB agent. In the polarisation of postcommunist politics, Kavan's enemies --- some of whom had known him closely as dissidents themselves -- demanded he resign his recently acquired seat in parliament. Kavan refused and took the Ministry of the Interior, the STB's legal successor, to court. Justice in the new Czech democracy works at a very slow pace, and it was only a few days ago that Kavan finally

won his case. He had always maintained that he had not known the man's true job. In the chaos of the "normalisa-tion" which followed the Soviet invasion, it took the new regime several months to purge the country's huge polit-ical bureaucracy. Kavan's con-tact presented himself as a supporter of the Dubcek reforms, and Kavan had been asked by the students' union to main-

tain links with the embassy. Now the Prague City Court has definitively ruled that Kavan was not a collaborator, did | add 10 and then wait on that

not pass any information to the STB, had not fulfilled any tasks for it and was not aware that his contact was an agent. The Ministry of the Interior was denied leave to appeal. It was final vindication for a man who must rank as one of the greatest self-taught ama-teurs of the cold war. "It was all very John Le Carré-ish. His books were a very useful source, and we got a lot of tips from them about codes and things. None of us were profes sionals," laughs Richard Molineux, who helped with the courier service from start to finish and made four trips

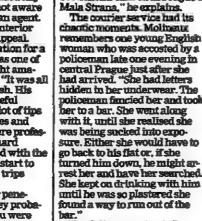
"The Czechs never penetrated our set-up. They proba-hly thought that if you were sensible you'd never run it from England. It would be more practical to send vans from southern Germany or Austria rather than from

across the Channel. They also couldn't believe it would be run on such an unprofession basis. The one thing we really did was keep it on a need-to-know basis. It was for the security of the drivers. They never knew who they were dealing with at the other end in canchosiovakia." Molineurs formed a core roup with three other friends. Trevor Roberts, a tree sur-

Carter, both lecturers. They would find sympathetic Brit-ons to go in by plane or train as tourists, carrying letters and books for dissidents. The oughest role went to the trivers who took vans which Kavan rigged up with false floors and secret compart-

once. It was a concrete way of doing something without make ing a statement or agitating. The risks were much higher for the Czechs. Petr Pithart was sacked from his university lectureship after the Soviet inva-

sion and forced to find work as a stoker in a factory. When the regime fell, the wheel turned and he briefly served as the first pon-communist prime minister. Now back in his com for table offices in the Law Faculty of Charles University, he recalls the stress of running the clandestine supply route for four years. "My wife always guessed when a van was due. became very nervous. A post-card would reach me, sent from anywhere in Europe. It would always contain a date. I would



day at a particular time by the St Nicholas church in Prague's

The delivery system's first and last dissoler occurred in late April 1981. The STB had managed to get an agent into the vulnerable Czech end of the operation. A local warehouse, full of forbidden material, was

eon, Peter Gowan and April

ments to carry copying equip-ment and political journals. Most people did the trips just

> aided and the customs were alerted to search all incoming vans. Two French drivers were

> > large car and took a more

arrested after the secret compartment was found, and sev-eral leading dissidents received ini terms. Amazingly, the damage was contained. The new French president, François Mitterrand, pressed the Czech govern-ment to release the drivers and the courier service was able to develop a new network of reci-pients which the STB never penetrated. Kavan abandoned

It was reckless stuff but Ksvan saw himself as an averager. His father, Pavel, had left Czechoslovakia during the second world war. After marriage to an English schoolteacher, he served the new communist government as a liplomat in London until bein recalled in 1950. Arrested and

direct hand, setting off on secret trips himself.

letained in secret for more than a year, he emerged as a key witness in a Stalmist show trial, receiving a 25-year prison term. Although released in the Khrushchev thaw, his be was weakened and he died of a heart attack at the age of 45. The tragedy gave his son, Jan, a fierce determination to resist talinism. Kavan decided to use his British citizenship to advan-

tage. His series of British pase ports led some Czechs to suggest he must have been a tern agent. But Kayan had found that, at the cost of around

\$20 in solicitor's fees, he could at any time change his name by deed poll, take in his passport, and have it cancelled in favour of a new one. There was nothing ille gal, and be never had more than one valid passport at a time. Petr Uhl. WED STranged Ka-VENI 6 SECTED meetings with Vaclay

Havel and Meeting point St Nicholas church in other promi Prague, used as a drop-off by the dissidents

dents. acknowledges they were highly risky. "But Kavan is a chancer, an adventurer. He's sot many faults, and always had money trouble. But he gave his life to this cause. He's not dishonest or the sort of man who would collaborate with any secret

service." Uhl recalls talking to Havel about the wisdom of Kavan's secret trips after another dissi-dent in Sweden wrote Havel a letter complaining that by using false passports Kavan was "behaving like a

the vans in place of a modified terrorist". In one of the periodic raids

on Havel's house the letter was discovered, alerting the police to Kavan's trips. When the first num demonstrations started in November 1989, Kavan was so eager to get back to Prague that he used the same passport without changing his name. This time he was detained at the airport and interrogated for everal hours. By then the pendulum of reform was swinging. and although Kavan was picked up again two days later for more questioning, the police let him go without any charges. They had started to look to their own futures. Secure in victory, the dissi-dent movement began to split. The more liberal Havel/Kavan wing was squeezed out by right wingers grouping themselve round Vaclav Klaus, a backroom economist who played no role during the decades of quiet resistance and is prime miniser today. In the rush to adopt a Thatcherite version of the mar ket economy, Kavan's socialdemocratic views, his links with the western peace move ment, and his example of be-roic opposition to Stalinism were a moral and political threat. The conservative press regularly smeared him and others by selective use of leak

police files and videos. Petr Pithart balloves the smears also had a deeper back-ground. Instead of admiring the handful of Czechs who kept the flame of honesty alive dur ing the Soviet-imposed "normalisation", the silent majority wanted to believe the dissidents were insignificant. It would justify their own capit-

For the first time for many years Kavan looks something approaching relaxed. A stocky figure with a limpet-like attention to detail and an obsessive intensity, he often exasperated journalists in the cold war period, when he hawked the latest dissident appeal from Prague around Fleet Street. Under constant financial and political strain, and with the stress of his secret trips behind the Iron Curtain, he rarely unbent. After 1989, the false accusations soured what should have been years of triumph. His father's early death has been a constant factor in Jan Kavan's mind. At the age of 48, he has already suffered two heart attacks. Rehabilitation will permit him to stand for parliament again. Elections are due in June this year, and Kavan's vindication -- though not only for that reason - has

not come too soon.

match strategy meetings which Clive Lloyd and Viv-ian Richards employed to develop and preserve the culture of success had become a pale imitation of themselves, where they had not disappeared altogether. As a result there was constant speculation and there were rows about team selec tion. It was frequently difficult to decide who might be chosen to open the batting,

controversy, dis sent and bickering on a scale almost

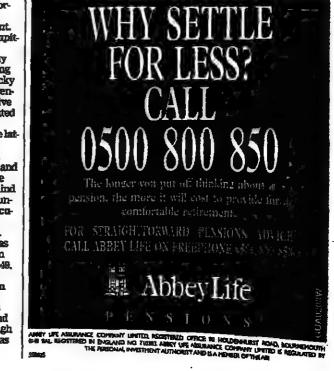
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atmosphere of the West Coaches are chosen to sat Indies game. The biggest ca-sualty was team spirit. It probably began with an issue that the Kenyans may have unwittingly resolved --- Richie Richardson's captaincy. Having returned to lead the team after a long absence through ill health, t was widely felt in the ranks that he was no longer capable of doing the job. His own batting had fallen away, but more to the point there was open dissatifaction about the manner in which he was leading the side. Prominent among the dissenters were the fast bowlers who felt their efforts weren't ever prop erly matched by astute leadership on the field. There were complaints by one players that pre-

isfy the narrow interests of each of the islands represented in West Indies cricket. The rest of the world has moved with the times. South Africa has shone under Bob Woolmer & guidance. West Indians arrogantly assume they can buck the trend. And to think that all the

while, as the team gazes, transfixed, into the abyss of ailure, there is someone of the inspirational brilliance of Clive Lloyd, standing in the wings, waiting to be properly asked. It's almost as if West Indies cricket has come to rely on its own legendary past, and to believe that so comess must come to it as of right.

Hegel says that the owl of Minerva flies only at dusk. Which is to say that organisations never examine themselves until their fortunes are at their nadir. Kenya might have done West hodies cricket a favour. The West Indian Mands must stop fighting among themal wes about team selection: the Board should sack the captain, appoint a full-time coach and tell their players they must represent the interests of the team or get out.



16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR A word or two millennium Basin on that book

NE thing in the first extract that you published from Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle's book (The super soaraway strategy, February 24) has stopped me from both-ering to read the rest. In relation to caring work (including, presumably, do-mestic work) carried out by one member of the family for another", there was no reference either to who does this work or to their financial recompense and pension rights (or lack thereof). This is particularly important in view of Mr Mandelson's apparent wish for "the family" to increasingly "contribute to the larger responsibilities of care across the generations".

As everyone well knows, it ls primarily women who do this work and who suffer for it financially and in other ways. Labour needs women's votes to win. That means New Labour promoting changes in the work structure to enable men and women to share equally both the caring/domestic work and outside paid employment. (Dr) Jenny Watts. 34 Millmead Terrace Guildford GU2 5AU.

N Wales, health, local government, education. transport and environment ars controlled by a devolved administration run by a Secre-tary of State at odds with both the vast majority of the electorate and their elected representatives and answerable to no one. Until he decided that John Major was such a bad Prime Minister that he had to fight him for office, this unac-countable Secretary of State was a certain John Redwood. Presumably your reviewer of Roger and Mandy's Big Book of Guvernment (Laft with no beef, February 28), who thinks that devolving health etc to regional govern ment will reduce accountability. is a different John Redwood? This John Redwood is worried no doubt that, unlike MPs, elected regional representatives would not be delib-erately misled by ministers who know that their facts are wrong but do not think that they intend to mislead?

As the reputed peerless Tory cost-cutter, might not Redwood have concentrated on how New Labour will ever pay for their "wish-list?" David Dawson. 38 Lynton Road, Southport,

Lancashire PR8 3AW. CETER Mandelson and Roger Liddle may have given the impression that the alternative vote is a system of proportional repreentation (Lesson of the future, February 27). It is not Indeed it may produce irratio-

nal results, as happens in Aus tralia. A party securing less than two fifths of the votes there in 1990 won more than half the seats.

The Single Transferable Vote enables electors to vote on cross party lines, choosing candidates according to their age, sex, personality, opinion on a current controversy, or anything else that the voters consider important, while the many electors firmly support-ing a particular party may discriminate between its candidates. STV thus produces a parliament that very fairly reflects the views of the John Wymer. 7 Allington Gardens.

Bridport, Dorset DT6 5HJ.

UT the "Big Brother" waffle, get tough on the causes of disruptive behaviour. These children do not live in leafy suburbs but in poverty and despair caused by unemployment, insecure low incomes and inadequate child welfare benefits. Give families work, adequate incomes and a stake in society again. Janet Mullally. 11 Elmwood Grove, Horbury. Wakefield WF4 5JH.

F ROY Hattersley is the Ted Heath of the Labour Party (Letters February 29), it is because Tony Blair appears to have become its Baroness Thatcher. Andy Walker. 120 Blythswood Road, liford. Essex IG3 8SG.

cent, at home or abroad.

Everyone thought she had been dreadful ... "(Goodbye Charles, Hello! Falklands,

February 29). A subjective disregard for

survey information: trifling

subject-matter unleavened by

wit or literary style; slapdash references ("The Act of Settle-

ment or whatever"), and a yobbo sexism of the sort that would surely be illegal had it

more appreciative readership

in the less literate sectors of

been equivalently racist: would Prof Stone not find a

I wonder if Mrs Stone is in

her rightful place as a "prop-erly dowdy, well-meaning lady"?

SEE that Princess Di pays ' her "media consultant"

£35,000 a year. That is £700 a

week. My highest wage as a hospital cleaner was 75 pence

per hour. That was for scrub-bing cancer wards, toilets and

morgues. My uncles were min-

ers. They worked by cande-

Areta Hantman.

London N64AF.

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Myths on tourists exploded

VOUR REPORT that tourists will not be deterred by they don't have reservations the IRA bombs from visiting London is ridiculous (Tourists sniff at danger. February

Our travel agent readers all

to consider plans for London at all this year. The true impact will become clear in the next few months. The British Tourist Autho

ings yet for the summer — so

to cancel. Many are unlikely



Spain and France were,

respectively, "Most Catholic" and "Most Christian" majes-

rebuttal of Martin Luther's 95

theses against Indulgences (Wittenburg 1517), Pope Leo X conferred Fideo Defensor on Henry in 1521 for his defence

doubtful whether this title was ever intended to be inher

ited; it certainly had nothing to do with Protestant Chris-tianity or any other faith

ties and he had no similar

Papal accolade. After his

of the Catholic faith. It is

BIG TABLE -ENTERTAINS-

Hearts wants to represent this country abroad. Alas, she probably represents us only too accurately — false glamour, false values, relentless self-interest and an inflated idea of our own importance. We'd feel a lot more sympsthetic if she stopped dressing like a Hollywood starlet and proved that she doesn't need publicity to do good works. Eileen Noakes. 2 Lower Warren Road. Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1LF.

HE Princess of Wales agrees to a divorce in the same week that the IRA are found to be tar

cent by 2010 (Blair puts environment centre stage, Febru-ary 28). Then he admits, at last, that his policy is to help course global warming. Targets drawn from succe sive reports of the Inter-govrnmental Panel on Climate Change require a 60 per cent C02 reduction between 1990 and 2005. This translates into a 90 per cent plus reduction by the worst-polluting countries, like the UK. Of course, he can adopt

much lower targets accept-able to his chums in the CBI on the grounds that they're "achievable"; but they won't stop global warming, and are therefore effectively meaningless.

Cut the hot air, clean up the dirty air and green will change to red

> 1986, the Royal Society, to jump onto the green band-wagon — and what a lot of empty rhetoric that turned out to be.

Peter Barnett. Editor, Green World, 49 York Road. Aldershot Hampshire GU11 3JD.

ICE ONE; Mr Blair, I Nick ONL, Mr Blan, I thought And then I cycled to work and I whizzed pass a line of stationery cars, a beiching incinerator and got sandwiched between two stinking buses. I stopped a workman to ask: "Why are you cutting down this 100-year-old cak?" and he replied: "It is Manchester's Labour



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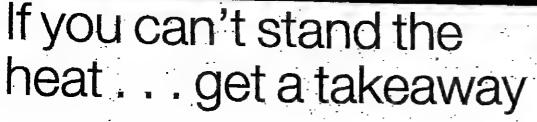
HELENA'S THE NEW CURVE

AT ST CLENDAS.









ET off my back, Delia. I can tell you where to stuff Can ten you where to stuir your peppers. I'm not buy-ing your book. Can't cook, won't cook. And won't feel guilty about it anymore.

Why should women who can de-sign cities, build bridges, tinker with brains and surf the net, bemade to feel they must pulverise pumpkins when they get home? Most men who hate cooking just gnore it and it goes away. I'm not against cooks. God bless

'em. What creative gift could be more sociable? The best cooking, like the best writing, is a gift from the gods. It is instinct and improvisation. Lesser mortals can get by, plodding along with recipes. If you're a plodder who enjoys it, fine. But what if you hate it? There

are two problems for the person who hates cooking: feeding the family every day, and entertain Families have disparate tastes.

My father is happiest eating things

which have been available in tins since 1948. My daughter likes her food minced up and reassembled as lovable animals, although she is increasingly upset by the idea of eating lovable animals really. My bloke Steve is a farmer with robust tastes. How does he like his steak? "Cut its horns off, wipe its arse and

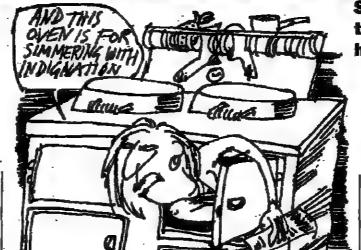
stick in on a plate." Faced with such diversity, the most sensible thing is to give up and let them feed themselves. Occasionally, I throw some spuds in the oven or assist beans on to toast --- nutrition without exertion Revisit childbood with a boiled egg and soldiers.

Takeaways or frozen lasagne not delight the palate as Delia's delicacies do, but they do free you to doze on the sofa or prick out your nicotianas. Eat less and live

longer: it's official. Feeding the family, then, is a piece of cake. A picnic. It's enter-taining where the trouble staris. Your friend who loves cooking offers you a magnificent feast. Eventually, you issue a reciprocal invitation. For two days beforehand you shop in a state of dread. and when the moment of cookery arrives you're too busy trying secretly to strain the gravy to listen to the conversation.

My generation have made it worse for themselves by aping the manners of our betters. We went to university and discovered that posh people had lunch and supper. not dinner and tea. Hastily we started inviting our friends to dinner in the evenings, not realis-ing that the posh either had ser-vants to cook the dinners, or had been sent to finishing school to learn how to cook, and were in a position of moneyed leisure whereby they could devote all day to it. At the very moment when our

education urged us with one bound to be free, we acquired snobberies that pitched us straight back down



mong the saucepans. Nowadays, we've got a bit embarrassed about aping the toffs, so we've started aping the peasants instead - Tuscan peasants of course, whose cui-sine is so picturesque, though no

shie is so picturesidil, indugi in less laborious. My grandmother was something of a peasant — a Welsh farmer's wife — and she cooked, every day, almost all day, because she bad to. Her real talent, though, was for making up extempore poetry. But her contributions to the oral tradi-

from the word processor to wrestle grimly with the food processor, I feel I'm betraying her. Not to mention my mother, who came home dog-tired after supervising 45 sizzling seven-year-olds all day and immediately had to make tea for four people. Those were the days of

Spam and Battenberg cake — post-war urban peasant food. But at least it was only tea. At east when it was all over at about six o'clock she could fall asleep over her marking. She wasn't up half the night struggling with hot acceptable nowadays as the mills

bone china of course, and perhaps a slice of home-made cake or a cucumber sandwich. None of us would dream of saying: "Why don't you come to tea on Saturday? cause it's what our parents did. It arouses the spectre of the Spam and the Battenberg cake.

CARTOOM BY MERBINY HARRING

But wouldn't a revival of the tea thing be actually, as the toffs would say, rather agreeable? Two hours of talk and then back home in time to do something with the evening? Am I the only person to find dinner parties go on too long? The evening stretches aimlessly

abead — it's nine o'clock and the Tuscan bean and basil thing isn't evan on the table yet... but you can bet your boots the old Tuscan peasants would've been tucked up in bed for hours by now. And by God, don't you wish you

were, too? Instead you know you've got to go on talking and smoking and drinking, or enduring other people talking and smoking and

es; the tottering wing of

the House of Lords or London clubs, arrogant in their name

"The only capital city which has clubs with mem-

bers from all walks of life is

London. Many will say that White's is the most difficult to

get into; perhaps it is. Yet White's has movie stars, aris-tocrats, stockbrokers, insur-

ance salesmen, journalists – people from all walks of life.

Do you find that true in New York? Not nearly as much."

But surely, some coats of

Bristol, Brockett and

arms have been blemished by such bounders as Blandford,

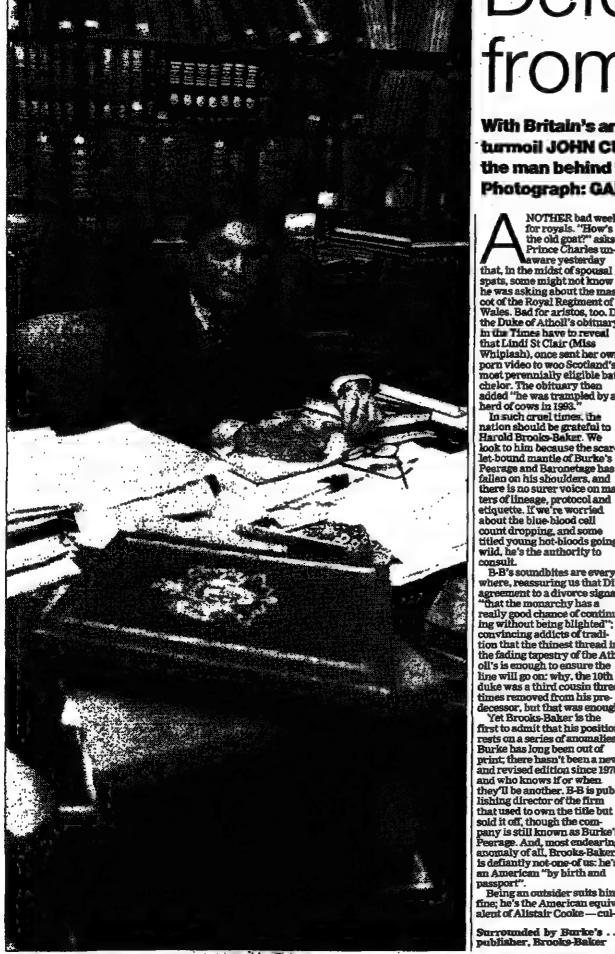
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drinking, till one o'bloody clock. I shall arise now and go down to the bottom of the garden, and a little Russian tea-house I shall build there, of birch twigs and pine-cones made, and in the summers I shall invite my friends there, and we shall wear our tearose tea-gowns, Even I can make cucumber sandwiches, and you can buy wonderful home-made cakes every Friday at the WI markets. And we shall say good-bye at six o'clock before we have got sick of each other, and part

beden der Good cooks will always amuse themselves and please us by roast-ing and pulverising their pump-kins and grinding their own spices. But let's not make the pestle and mortar into the ammer and sickle of culinary correctness.

The rest of us should have the guts to turn our pumpkin into a glass coach, and then rattle off merrily into the sunset.





Defending the nobs from the knockers

With Britain's aristocrats in royal turmoil JOHN CUNNINGHAM meets the man behind Burke's Peerage. Photograph: GARRY WEASER

NOTHER bad week for royals. "How's the old goat?" asks Prince Charles unaware yesterday that, in the midst of spousa spats, some might not know he was asking about the mascot of the Royal Regiment of Wales. Bad for aristos, too. Die the Duke of Atholl's obituary in the Times have to reveal that Lindi St Clair (Miss Whiplash), once sent her own porn video to woo Scotland's most perennially eligible batchelor. The obituary then added "he was trampled by a herd of cows in 1993." In such crowl times the nation should be grateful to Harold Brooks-Baker. We

tured, urbane, everybody's social equal who mananges the trick of knowing his place when it's necessary. For years he was a foreign correspondent with the world as his oyster. Britain is the pearl on which he's chosen to lavish his attentions. From his house in Holland Park, London, it's as though he sees the social landscape of Britain as a level playing field, with gentle, untaxing inclines. He wears the sort of suits of which that other anglophile.

T S Eliot, would have ap-proved. A small man, he looks youthful for his 62 years, and patiently denies that he's either shrewd or eccentric. He

insists he'd never overstep the mark by giving advice to the

royals, but one former Buck-ingham Palace press officer has had cause to wish he'd be

died with privilege and ripe for demolition, and Brookstwit and is memorable only for saying that he once sold some bad family silver, so that Baker, shelves of fat-spined Burke's tiering behind his desk, will defend it estates so he could buy some better sil-ver—and then died without having the nouse to beget an vast as to constitute wilder-

But Brooks-Baker sees the lord as fulfilling a valuable economic and social function. "I think that considering that he didn't have a near relation to take the title, the idea of turning Blair Castle (the famlly home in Perthshire) into a useum was rather brilliant. "I have noticed that the ma-

jority of the people who have inherited obligations, large bouses and so on have taken all that very seriously. You know, many of these people could have gone off and be playboys for the rest of their lives."

Moynihan? "In the 30 years I have been You can see why visiting here, there have been very few scandals. There are toffs like him: he only a handful of peer's sons,

"The British have constantly married into other nationalities and other social groups so that most of the an-cient families are not exactly as effete as one might think. In fact in this country, I don't think they're effete at all. One could make a good case for the leading families in many continental families being immenselv effete."

All this is seriously, even passionately meant. But behind his interest in the bahind his interest in the bealth, wealth and happiness of Britain's nobs, lies the fact that, though no snob himself, Brooks-Baker quickly learned he was dealing with ranks of them. And they will pay good money to indulge that snobishness. So, though Burks itself may have been Burke itself may have been sold off, there is another gleam in B-B's eye: another prestige title waiting for re-development is Burke's

Landed Gentry. "The good thing about the Landed Gentry is that

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SUE LIMB rebels against the tyranny of the Tuscan bean brigade and sets her table for a less stressful diet

look to him because the scaret-bound mantle of Burke's Peerage and Baronetage has fallen on his shoulders, and there is no surer voice on ma ters of lineage, protocol and etiquette. If we're worried about the blue-blood cell count dropping, and some titled young hot-bloods going wild, he's the authority to

B-B's soundbites are everyhere, reassuring us that Di's agreement to a divorce signals "that the monarchy has a really good chance of continu-ing without being blighted": convincing addicts of tradition that the thinest thread in the fading tapestry of the Atholl's is enough to ensure the line will go on: why, the 10th duke was a third cousin three times removed from his predecessor, but that was enough Yet Brooks-Baker is the first to admit that his position rests on a series of anot Burke has long been out of print, there hasn't been a new and revised edition since 1970, and who knows if or when they'll be another. B-B is publishing director of the firm that used to own the title but sold it off, though the com-pany is still known as Burke's Peerage. And, most endearing anomaly of all, Brooks-Baker is defiantly not-one-of us: he' an American "by birth and passport". Being an outsider suits him fine; he's the American equiv-

sport not to play the game. So it is that with German TV, Sky News, Newsweek and a band of radio stations clogging his phone lines on the evening of Di's divorce announcement he can hint at the fallible side of the Waless: Charles will remarry "because he's the kind of person who almost always re-marries. They find bemaelves in need of a constant companion." Though no necessarily Mrs Parker-Bowles. Why not? "Men very seidom marry the person they've been involved with." You can see why toffs like him: he doesn't pretend to be one of them, doesn't name drop, hasn't tried to marry into the aristocracy. The hy-phen in his name is there, no to be elitist, he says, but because French bureaucracy wouldn't let his children; edu cated in France, have Brooks ("It's been a name in my fan lly for 300 years") as a middle name. So they had to become double-barrelled. Even the clubs he uses he's joined by virtue of reciprocal mem ship of his Paris club. Above all, he's a skilful pologist for the nobs. You

less obliging with the quotes. Yet he's a pundit because the media have chosen him a aristocracy one, and he's far too good a Perhaps from now on his will It's impossible to ruffle B-B with either ire or outrage gainst that anachronistic slab of the social order. "I don't see why the British are

always flagellating them-selves about equality," he "One of the problems with statements by the Prime Min-ister, who would like to do away with divisions in society, is that you can no more do away with divisions than you can do away with interest in sex — it's part of human na-ture. The Russian revolution in 1917 produced 10 times the number of classes by the 1920s than had axisted before. That is annoying and unattractive but it's part of human nature. So if you can have a kind of balance between those who ve inherited and those who've made it themselves, I would have thought you'd have a bet ter world. And as a visitor in this country, I would say that Britain has been reasonably light think that the Duke of Athall who inherited a batch of toy-town titles — four earlsuccessful in this kind of balance.

Name any institution rid-

doesn't name drop or peers, who've been in trouble in the last few years. Considering that there are a cou-ple of thousand peerage families, a couple of thousand baronets families and lots of and hasn't tried to marry into the untitled aristocracy, it's amazing how few drop out. If he's not much worried by the facund young aristos scat-tering their seed around, what about the shrivelled titles, the greybeads? After all, the dukes . The most you will get by way of reproof is this: "But obviously some peerage fam-ilies contribute a great deal to the country and some do not. of Atholl have been famous for barren periods in their lin-eage, when the succession had

put in any kind of person you wish, as long as they have land holdings that are of some in-tarest," he says, eveng some faded volumes in his office. "You'd have to have a committo sit down and work out an exact recipe for the people who're going to be included. And, of course, it's much more than a venture to make money." It seems churlish to suggest that when a new entition of Burke's Landed Gentry does appear, it might be seen as the height of vanity publishing. Just what we ap to distant scions of the family to keep the titles going. CENTRE.



PETER TATCHELL says it's time gay and lesbian couples were allowed legal recognition of their partnerships

The straight and narrow definition of marriage

SPARLIAMENT debates Lord Mackay's proposals to reform the divorce laws, there's one group of people who will be excluded from any **Eberalisation** because they're not permitted to get Leibian and gay couples there a choice. In law, gardless of their s or duration, same rships have no entrion.

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in situations like medical emergencies. Moreover, if one partner dies, the surviving partner has none of the rights that the survivor of a heterosexual marriage would enjoy automatically with respect to funeral arrangements and claims on the deceased partner's

property. To remedy such injustices, many lesbians and gay men want some form of same-sex partnership legislation. A minority favour the straight model of marriage; most prefer a distinctive alternative.

couples.

Even so, denying us

There are, essentially, three options: marriage, registered partnerships and rights for cohabitees. signifies our continuing second class citizenship. It's important, therefore, that same-sex partners should have the right to marry. They're not mutually exclu-sive. All three could be log-Whether they exercise that islated, so that gay couples can choose whichever they feel is best for them. right is up to them, as it is for heterosexuals. This was the view taken

Ironically, the people by Dutch campaigners who who accuse gays of unstable recently won the extension of civil marriage to gay conrelationships are also the ones who oppose any legal validation of same sex love ples, making the Netherands the first country in and commitment. This traps the world to give beteroses mosexuals in a no-win ual and homosexual newlyweds identical legal status situation. Those who don't show proof of commitment and rights. are condemned as promiscuous, and those who want

The main gay alternative to marriage is "registered parmerships", a legal inno-vation specifically devised to demonstrate their commitment by getting marrie are not allowed to do so. for same sex couples. Its Marriage has, of course, an irredeemably beterosex rationale is the recognition that traditional heterosexual marriage and same-sex nal genesis. It's therefore arguable that this instituunions are not the same. Moreover, instead of copy-ing uncritically heterosertion is not an appropriate model for leshian and gay ual institutions, it's time lesbian and gay people cre ated their own equality in marriage law

Onder this "different but" equal" system, gay couples would register their part-nership at the local Town Hall and be accorded all the legal rights accruing to married heterosexuals. It's effectively civil marriage in all but name and ritual. "Registered partnerships" were pioneered by Denmark in 1989, albeit in a

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watered-down form which excludes the right to insen ination services and child adoption. More recently, Norway, Sweden and Green and have followed suit.

Even in Catholic Spain, similar legislation may soon law. The second alternative to

gay marriage is the strengthening of the legal rights of cohabitees and the extension of these rights to same-sex couples. This would include recognition as next-of-kin and, as joint gnardians of any children, entitlement to spousal bene fits such as coverage by

health-care plans, and prop erty and tenancy succession rights in the event of a partner's death. Many lesbian and gay

overs (and plenty of straight ones, too) don't want to go through a formal, egally-binding ceremony. They stay together becaus they love each other, and have no desire for a statesanctioned contract which burdens them with bureau-

These unformalised but very genuine same-sex partperships currently have no legal status. Even common law hoterocexual couples have few rights. Enhanced recognition for all cobabiting lovers would thus benefit both gays and straights and move society beyond its blinkered fixation on mar-

riage as the sole legitimate form of partnership recognition. Peter Taichell is a member of the queer rights group,

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cratic obligations.

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Bradford has a problem, and Kay Mellor is tackling it through television. As her hit prostitution drama Band Of Gold returns tomorrow, she talks to MARTIN WAINWRIGHT

Streets paved with girls

HE boxful of sleazy sprites released in the second series of Band Of Gold, the story of danger and perversion on the streets of Bradford which relaunches tomorrow, is balanced by much more than just the stan

dard good fairy Hope. Guts, teamwork and an ex-ceptionally realistic look at women trying to win control of their own lives will be pre-sented on ITV — with the en-couragement of West York. shire's chief constable Keith deringly youthful granny. Leeds playwright Kay Mellor, now 43, has been slagged off for trashing Yorkshire's neighbouring, problem-beset city, attracting kerb-crawlers to Bradford from as far away as Germany with her first series; but she has many more powerful people supporting her for telling it as it undeni-

ably is. "There is a problem on Bradford's streets. I didn't put it there, any more than Bl dale put unemployment into Liverpool," she says robustly, squeezing five-week-old granddaughter Grace and fussing about the baby's chin rash and the best type of barrier cream. "I had to write Band Of Gold after realising — quite by chance, on a short cut through Bradford — just

what was going on." She felt cocked in the stom-ach by a girl who bobbed down to look into the car as ber husband Anthony slowed for the traffic lights. "The thoughts rushed through my mind and they wouldn't go away. She looks about 13, She's just a baby. Whose daughter is she? Γ ve got daughters. Where are her parents? Has she got a brother? God, her legs are mottied blue with cold."

Such precise recall has been good friend to Melior since

"We got the work back on Fridays, face down on the desk. I turned it over and Pauline Beausha, who read her essay out — it wasn't very long — about a lawn, crocuses and daffodils. I remember thinking: Oh, so that's it. That's what you're supposed to do. I always tell that story when I talk to teachers now. At Kay's next school, only a Mrs Davies on exchange from the United States spotted her bubbling talent and told the teenager: "I wish I could put you in my pocket and take you back to America with me. But going to America in people's pockets was not what 16-year-old girls leaving school in 1968 were supposed to do. You got a job, got preg-nant or married. Kay did the last two with

her sweetheart Anthony, then a car mechanic, marrying on December 12 and moving back to Mum on Christmas Eve, thinking: that's it, I've tried, I can't cope. But she - and he - did manage, helped by rela-tives whose photographs, go-ing back to Jewish Lithuania

and Catholic Ireland, now crowd the stair well of the family's big house (still in West Park, but the posh bit where Leeds University dons, Liberal peers and doctors live). For the next decade it was napples and tes on the table for Anthony at five, before Whoosh!, the fizzing Mellor rocket took off with an Edu-cating Rits swan through Oand A-levels and the help of a drama teacher at Park Lane College, Gordon Wright, who put Kay in the pocket of Bret-ton Hall, near Wakefield, the nursery of Colin Welland. John Godber et al. She becam

Now we're talking. Especially an actress, redeeming a promise to Anthony that she when it's about women, because we still need more of a would support the family voice. When I started trying to while he retrained to look after the mentally handiwrite plays, every playwright I'd ever heard of was a man." capped, his own newly-discov-Her acting stint, both on TV and especially with her own Yorkshire Theatre travelling ered vocation. Meanwhile, credit where troupe, taught her more prac-ticality. "I couldn't write anyit's due — to Pauline Beausha Kay learnt to couple her endthing longer than an hour, so we always had a session with ess brainwaves with the world of crocuses, lawns and other realistic detail. "I love the audience afterwards, fillsitting on buses, me, just lis-tening to the way people talk, she says. Visitors should be ing in the time with the excuse of discussing What Did You Think Of That? They were so warned that the city is a lethal helpful, saying things like well, that bit wasn't at all beplace for eavesdropping writ-



Kay Mellor and (below) Band Of Gold, the TV series that was conceived when her car was approached by a prostitute . . 'The thoughts rushed through my mind . . . she's just a baby. Whose daughter is she? I've got daughters' moto sow means HOTO: JOAN ALIBELL



rs — with Alan Bennett, anlievable, but that other bit was lievable, but that other bit wear great. Above all, they taught me that people want a story, an emotional drama with proper peaks and troughs." Band Of Gold has precisely that; and so, triumphantly, does A Passionate Woman, other well-known silent lis-tener in local buses and trains. "I get terribly excited when I'm watching a film, TV or a play and I see something that's accurate. I feel: Yesas! Mellor's 1994 play about a mother in her fiftles finally breaking out of the Supposed To world. The mother is rawn from Kay's



emorable phone call in her said: Oh, you know, he's the bath from Sean Connery, dis-cussing a film version (pendone I called Boshov but I de-cided to alter it." Kay's actres ing) and Granada scopped up daughter Gaynor Faye has meanwhile launched into Cor-Band Of Gold

By far the best result for Granny Mellor, however, is onation Street as Judy Mallett; the word-processor hammer-ing away in Dinah's Harrogat Road flat, where greatgranny, at 73, is taking off in her turn. "She's written three plays since the summer." says

And Gaynor's elder sister Yvonne is proudly busy with daughter Grace. Kay, juggling film offers, a new TV series (Giris' Night) and "a massive story for a new play in my

EVERY FEW years. Bruce Springsteen tires of being the high-octane rocker and slips into something a little

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Bruce Springsteen Manchester Apollo

more acoustic. He sees such phases both as a return to his songwriting roots and a way of commenting on the plight of America's dispossessed. His three accustic albums are love'em-or-hate-'em stuff and the latest. The Ghost Of Tom Joad, is the most austere yet. Like the Steinbeck character of the title, the Miguels and Bobbys of the songs are blue-collar recession casualties. The bleakness is heightened by Springsteen's spartan singing and earnest harmonica accom naniment. Difficult as they are, though, their pathos proves the rock hero is also a master of American roots music. For the first time in 23 years, Springsteen's E Street Band have been given the winter off, and the Boss is touring solo. It's a mixed blessing -- confining Springsteen to a bare stage for two hours demands a lot of both artist and audience. Urging us to hit our neighbours if they made noise, he gravely sang ballad after ballad, closing his eyes and ending every phrase with a heavy sigh. The



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Hungry heart Springsteen

breakthrough came when Bruce did turn into Brococe about a third of the way in. On a new song, possibly called Sell It, They'll Come, he even dis-played a hitherto hidden sense of fun, singing "Tve sold a few things myself in my time / and there's some T-shirts on your way out."

Once the balance was struck. he deftly touched nerves. The spoken preamble to Youngstown was as moving as the song, an elegy to a dying steel city. At the end of it someone called "What about the Liverpool dockers?" and be nodded empathetically, probably not having a clue what they meant. Springsteen, the sly old popu-list, triumphs again. Bravo-now bring back the band. C Bruce Springsteen plays New-castle tonight, Edinburgh tomor-row, then London's Albert Hall and ow, then Longer Brixton Academy Coroline Sullivar

CLASSICAL Hallé / Kent Nagano

Manchester

MAHLER'S Ninth Sym-gramme: at 75 minutes it is not quite long enough to be a concert in itself, since convention dictates that a concert should normally be just over 100 minutes, including an interval. But it is so overwhelm ing and universal that it can make anything that precedes it sound trivial.

So this was not perhaps the best context for the recent ...But All Shall Be Well by Thomas Ades, the Hallé's com-poser in residence. Taking its title from the Consolations Of Lady Juliana Of Norwich via T S Eliot's Four Quartets, it is for a large orchestra but con-sistently restrained in its

POP Doldie Brighton

AT FIRST it was called Jungle; then, when the mainstream press got wind of t, it became Drum and Bass in an attempt to remain under-ground. It is an extraordinary and uniquely British form of music in which rapid, elliptical drum patterns unfor l and spin back into themselves; an Goldie is the high priest. His breathtaking. The harsh and jagged Saint Angel betrays another big inlbum, Timeless, was one of last year's masterworks, capturing the spirit of London in a luence, the hardcore techno of the early nineties. State Of way no record has done since Mind is straightforward and blissful soul — the perfect the days of punk. Like crossover successes be fore him such as the Prodigy, answer to those who believed Goldie is anxious not to lose Goldie's Metalhands outfit his underground credentials. His solution, rather than to could never play "normal" music. keep his head down, is to take the rest of the Drum and Bass

mood. The work has a strikingly individual voice, every detail confirms that in his mid-twenties Ades is already a substantial figure in our mu-sical landscape. But the mem-ory of the piece was almost obliterated by Mahler's Ninth. Kent Nagano geared the Halle to an astonishing level of power and concentration for his spiritual marathon. There may have been rough mo-ments in those opening paragraphs, but once it was moving the performance truly hit form. With a fair number of new faces in the orchestra and Lyn Fletcher as a powerful and eloquent guest leader, there was a sense of glorious incaniescence unusual even for this symphony — a work that in any case is almost always com pletely overwhelming. And I do not remember ever hearing the end quite so still or quite so cathactic. Denid Fallon

artists with him. Thus the presence on this tour of his mentors, Grooverider and Fablo. Goldie himself may be spotted wandering through the capacity crowd in bollow-cheeked communion with his beer bottle. Nobody expects to see him, so nobody does. The opening chords of the

album's title track wash over the crowd at the Paradox. In its truncated form as Inner City Life, this has become the anthem of the genre. At a full 20 minutes, guided by Lorna Harris's unfettered vocals, it

her early promise was dashed at Iveson House primary school on Leeds's Ireland Wood council estate when she was nine. She spent a week in an agony of expectation after writing a six-page essay on My Garden, inventing a wonderworld of fountains and lighting beams, different vels and fantastic landscaping unimaginable on Ireland Wood. mother, Dinah, though it was only on her fourth visit to see ever since. Kay had a

the play that she turned to Kay and said: "D'you know, I think this is about me?" The story of the Passionate Woman's dried-up marriage, past, golden love affair and sterile imprisonment in con-vention struck a wider chord. The play took the West End by storm and has been on tour

first. It won a Sony award last

Kay, wide-eyed, "and my agent's excited about them agent's excited about men. The dialogue's spot-on, and we're only ironing out one or two technical things. For invirunce, I told her that 14 characters was going it a bit (Passionate Woman has four) and that she mustn't change their names midway without telling the reader. Mum, I said, who's this Boris who's suddenly appeared? And she

mother potentially passionate woman gurgling on the sofa in a Babygro. "Yes," she says with relish, "of course Anthony and I'll bebysit on Friday night."

Sand Of Gold starts on ITV at 9.10pm Sunday, Mellor is still trying to track down the girl who inspired the story, Tracey, who was last heard of on the streets of Birmingham.

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Trouser trouble

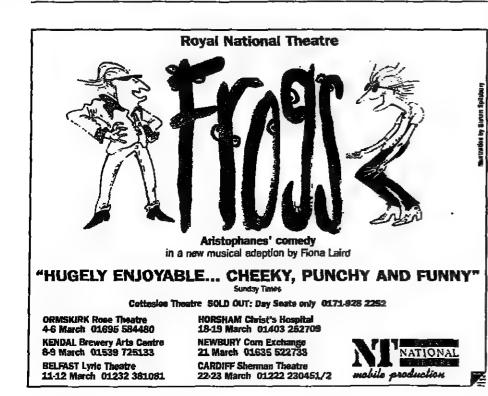
Radio

Anne Karpf

NE can't help feeling the teensiest touch of schadenfreude over the new interest in men's health exhibited by the current Radio 5 Live series The Trouble With Men. For years we've had programmes choking with problems for women to worry about: if it wasn't obstetric then it was gynaecolo gical, or perhaps psychological. Medical and health advice eemed to be almost exclusively targeted at women,

while there wasn't even a medical specialism devoted to male illnesses. Male health was invisible Now equality has struck. and men are encouraged to worry as much as women. A barrage of programmes about beart disease, impotence and cancer exhorts them to do this and advises them to do that. But Radio 5 Live has adopted decidedly light touch. Among this bimedia season's offerings is a series called Men's Shorts, broadcast daily in The Breakfast Programme last week, in which Chris Barrie, alias Gordon Brittas of The Brittas Empire, worked his way in a series of brief humor ous monologues from stress to

Barrie has clearly been brought in as a comic device to prevent the programmes exuding any hint of nannying. Some of the nieces were both amusing and smuggled in a sliver of information — such as half of all male illnesses are stress-related (how do they know?) and 150,000 men in Britain have a vasectomy each year. Yet others were so determinedly jokey and their message so banal — if you're worried about baldness, talk to your GP - that it reminded us that one of the troubles with men is that many of them can only talk about their health when it's wrapped up in humour. One other thing: 5 Live may consider itself trailblazing, but Radio 2 got there



baldness to the beer-gut.

year for its series of pro-grammes on testicular cancer. There's a new private eye on Radio 4 called Jack Dunroody but, as he informs us, he's a private without an eve because he's blind. I came to Marius Brill's new four-part comedy drama series S-Laughter In The Dark with some misgivings. The as-sumption that because the hero is blind he somehow makes an ideal character for this pictureless medium seems naive, and using dis-ability as a dramatic device is a risky business, prone to all kinds of cliches about blind people's superior other senses. What's more, comed doesn't always sit easily with drama, and one watches to see which will prevail. In the event Brill doesn't

avoid all the stereotypes, but his writing is so assured and funny that one can forgive him most of them. Dunroody (deliciously played by Paul B Davies) is your classic film noir, LA-style eye who is hired by the sexy wife of a famous singer to search for her lost cat. In the process, he's framed for the murder of her husband and has to find the real killer in order to clear himself. Finally, he discovers that the cleaner dunnit: she's married to the butler, natch, and together they're the kind of servile cockney domestics that no pre-war British play or film could be without What makes the first epiode of S-Laughter In The Dark is Dunroody's narrative a hilarious, absurdly similestrewn patter with lines like "She was closer than a wet day in July" and, my particular favourite. "I was in more trouble than a jay-walker being interviewed by the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad." But while the first episode is thoroughly enjoyable and potentally cultish, next week's episode strains after counic effect, totally overdoes the blindness conceit, and even Dunroody's similes become thresome. The pudding has been truly overegged.

Labour of love In principle, there is nothing Television

but it at least has to be roman tic: The Girl, like a corpse in passion's clothes, was never romantic. It just went through the rituals of romance. For some there may be much that is reassuringly familiar in this, in its spiritless obeisance before dead convention, but no one would mistake it for the

real thing. Hannah and her misters was there ever a love triangle so square? Thank heaven for Fred's vile mother, played by Susan Jameson as a homage to Ena Sharples — her arms crossed, her lips pursed, rocking smugly on her heels as she upbraided snooty madam for not licking the coal scuttle clean, or some similar offence against Protestant eth ics. She had a nice line in insulting ber son, too — "you clumsy great or", "you stupid great lout" — a four-word abusive tirade, with "great" always bobbing into the thick of it like a punch-drunk referee. Protestant ethics received short shrift in Roseanne (C4) in a humourless but properly revisionist account of the Americans between native Americans and the Pilgrim Fathers. DJ appeared in a Thanksgiving School Pageant to act out that encounter, with the Protestant interlopers whipping off their cloaks to reveal two Pulp Fiction hit-men who blew their hosts way — an unsubtle but biting metaphor for the imperialist project.

It's sad to see the ruin of Roseanne, a once-great comedy show. This has been a series too far, cosy like French and Saunders in its elf-indulgence. If there is anther scene of Roseanne and he cast playing with her baby, the sour cusses who have loved the series for so long may have to renounce it for cood

HE GATE'S season of modern European plays is one of the most important things What emerges after the first four plays, is the post-modern pluralism of new European drama: almost everything hinges on our ability to pick up a work's cultural references and associations. In the case of the latest double bill — Stig Larsson's Sisters, Brothers (1994) from Sweden and Nikolai Kolyada The Oginski Polonaise (1993) from Russia — the key influences are, respectively, Chek-how with a touch of Strindberg and Tennessee Williams. Larsson's play is particu-larly good: it's the story of three

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sisters and the sadness, soli-tude and alienation that exists under the surface of modest affluence. Aina, a young un-married mum, throws a party for her two sisters and their

lovers. What starts as social comedy turns into a sombre revelation of family manipulativeness and of people's impris-omnent within their souls. David Farr's production marvellously conveys the spiritual woodworm under the ordered

In The Oginski Polonaise the references are even more explicit: Tanya, the Blanche Dubois-like heroine, returns after 10 years in the US to the family's Moscow flat to find it occupied by her parents' old servants. I find it hard to reconcile his final point about the unsinkable nature of privilege with the fact that Tanya is obviously being carted off to an asylum. But his play shows how nationalist pride and personal confusion co-exist in the new Russla. Patricia <u>Ki</u>ernan's production is weirdly surreal and Victoria Worsley is a compelling mix of madness and sanity as the heroine. The Gate

season certainly proves that new European drama skilfully assimilates the past. Whether it can, or should, break free of its outputal inheritance remains open to question. Until March 21 (0171-229 5387) Michael Billington



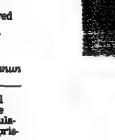
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wrong with romantic fiction Stuart Jeffries

HE WORST thing about Catherine Cookson is that she's never bad enough to be entertaining. Oscar Wilde wrote: "One must have a heart of stone to read the death of Little Nell without laughing"; if only one had been as pleasurably di-verted by the travails of The

Girl (ITV). It was a three-hour cataclysm of beatings, smoulder-ing looks, cruelty and passion that was never emotionally engaging, as surely it was in-tended to be. There was a By-ronic Geordie, Ned, who as convention demanded owned lavish stdeburns and a white horse - a steed whose destin was to bear him and the rosebud-lipped, carefullyblowdried heroine across the lly-backlit Northumberland hills to their dreary little

trysts. The problem for Ned was Fred, the butcher to whom Hannah was wed. Fred's threatening curse when he found out about the affair briefly lifted the dialogue from the slongh of despond: "I was so proud of you, so proud of my fancy wife that nobody else had. I could pull your insides out." Not an idle boast from a man who spent his working life elbow deep in viscera. But there wasn't just talk about vile violence in The Girl: a great deal of it was enacted, which was particularly shocking, since it was brutish head-butting, cudgel wielding stuff, usually on roll-

ing hills or in picturesque streams. All of this obscured

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CONTEXT The strongest experience was to surrender to what was on the screen . . . to be kidnapped by the movie

100 YEARS OF CINEMA: SUSAN SONTAG on the decline from great art to mere decadence

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INEMA'S hundred years seem to have the shape of a lifecycle: an inevitable birth, the steady accumulation of glories, and the onset in the last decade of an ignominious, irreversible decline.

This doesn't mean that there won't be any more new films. that one can admire. But such films won't simply be exceptions: that's true of great achievement in any art. They have to be heroic violations of the norms and practices which now govern movie-making everywhere in the capitalist and would-be capitalist world - which is to say, everywhen And ordinary films, films made purely for entertainm (that is, commercial) purposes, will continue to be astonishingly witless; already the vast majority fail resound-

ingly to appeal to their cyni-cally-targeted audiences. While the point of a great film is now, more than ever, to be a one-of-a-kind achievement, the commercial cinema has settled for a policy of bloated, derivative film-makung, a brazen combinatory or re-combinatory art, in the hope of reproducing past successes. Every film that hopes to reach the largest possible audience is designed as some kind of remake, Cinema, once her aided as the art of the 20th century, seems now, as the century closes numerically, to be a decadent art.

Perhaps it is not cinema which has ended but only cine philia — the name of the very specific kind of love that cin-ema inspired. Each art breeds its fauntics. The love that cinemp inspired, however was special. It was born of the sense that cinemia was an art unlike any other: quintessentially modern; distinctively access! ble; poetic and mysterious and erotic and moral — all at the



within and sometimes outside of mainstream cinema. Now the balance has tipped decisively in favour of cinema as an industry. The great cinema of the 1960s and 1970s has been thoroughly repudiated. Already in the 1970s, Hollywood was plagiarising and banalis-ing the innovations in narrative method and editing of successful new European and over-marginal independent American films. Then came the catastrophic rise in pro-duction costs in the 1980s. which secured the world-wide reimposition of industry stan-dards of making and distributing films on a far more co cive, this time truly global scale.

The result can be seen in the melancholy fate of some of the greatest directors of the last decades. What place is there today for a maverick like Hans Jurgen Syberberg, who has stopped making films alto gether, or for the great Godard, who now makes films about the history of film, on video?

Consider some other cases The internationalising of fi-nancing and therefore of casts were a disaster for Andrei Tarkovsky in the last two films of his stupendous (tragically abbreviated) career. And these conditions for making films have proved to be as much an artistic disaster for two of the most valuable directors still working: Krzysztof Zanussi (The Structure of Crystals, Il-lumination, Spiral, Contract) and Theo Angelopolous (Reconstruction, Days of '36, The Travelling Players). And what will happen now to Bela Tarr (Damnation, Sa tantango)? And how will Alek-sandr Sokurov (Sate and Protect, Days of Eclipse. The Second Circle, Stone, Whisper-ing Pages) find the money to go on making films, his sub-lims films, under the rude conditions of Russian capitalism?

Predictably, the love of cinema has waned. People still like going to the movies, and some people still care about and expect something special. necessary from a film. And wonderful films are still being made: Mike Leigh's Naked, Gianni Amelio's Lamerice, Fred Kelemen's Fate. But one hardly finds any more, at least among the young, the distinc-tive cinephilic love of movies, which is not simply love of but a certain taste in films unded in a

for seeing and re-seeing as

much as possible of cinema's

glorious past). Cinephilia itself has come

under attack, as something

quaint, outmoded, snobbish For cinephilis implies that

films are unique, unrepeata

philia tells us that the Holly-

wood remake of Godard's Breathless cannot be as good

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cannot help, by the very range and eclecticism of its passions from sponsoring the idea of

the film as, first of all, a poetic

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no role in the era of hyperindustrial films. For cinephilia

same time Cinema had apostles (it was like religion). Cinema was a crusade. Cinema was a world view. Lovers of poetry or opera or dance don't think there is only poetry or opera or dance. But lovers of cinema could think there was only cinema. That the movies encapsulated everything — and they did. It was both the book of art and the book of life.

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As many people have noted, the start of movie-making 100 years ago was, conveniently, a double start. In that first year, 1895, two kunds of films were made. proposing two modes of what cinema could be: cinema as the transcription of real unstaged life (the Lumière brothers) and cinema as invention, artifice, illusion, fan-tasy (Meliés). But this was

never a true opposition. For those first audiences watching the Lumière brothers' The Arrival of a Train at La Ciotat Station, the camera's transmission of a ba nal sight was a fantastic experience. Cinema began in wonder, the wonder that reality can be transcribed with such magical immediacy. All of cinema is an attempt to perpetu-ate and to re-invent that sense of wonde

Everything begins with that inoment, 100 years ago, when the train pulled into the station. People took movies into themselves, just as the public cried out with excite ment, actually ducked, as the train seemed to move toward them. Until the advent of television emptied the movie theatres, it was from a weekly visit to the cinema that you learned (or tried to learn) how to walk, to smoke, to kiss, to fight, to suffer.

Movies gave you tips about how to be attractive, such as it looks good to wear a raincoat even when it isn't raining. But whatever you took home was only a part of the larger experience of losing yourself in faces, in lives that were not yours which is the more inclusive form of desire embodied in the movie experience. The strongest experience was simply to

Going to the movies became a passion. You fell in love not just with actors but with cinema itself: above, Louise Brooks, W H Pabst's favourite face urrender to, to be transported by, what was on the screen. You ranted to be kidnapped by the movie

The first condition of being kidnapped was to be overed by the physical pres-Thelp ence of the image. And the con-dition of "going to the movies" was essential to that.

To see a great film only on TV isn't really to have seen that film. (This is equally true of those made for TV, like Faseintertainment. binder's Berlin Alexander-platz and the two Heimat films of Edgar Reitz). It's not only the difference

of dimensions: the superiority of the larger-than-you image in the theatre to the little image on the box at home. The conditions of paying attention in a domestic space are radi-cally disrespectful of film. Since film no longer has a standard size, home screens can be as big as living room or bedroom walls. But you are still in a living room or a bedcoming of sound, the image-making lost much of its brilroom, alone or with familiars. To be kidnapped, you have to be in a movie theatre, seated in the dark among strangers

This way of making movies — the Hollywood system — dominated film-making for about 25 years (roughly from 1930 to 1955). The most origi-No amount of mourning will revive the vanished ritualserotic, runinative - of the nal directors, like Erich von darkened theatre. The reduc-Stroheim and Orson Welles, tion of cinema to assaultive were defeated by the system and eventually went into ar-tistic exile in Europe, where images, and the unprincipled manipulation of images (faster and faster cutting) to be more more or less the same quality defeating system was now in attention-grabbing, has produced a disincarnated, lightplace, with lower budgets; only in France were a large weight cinema that doesn't do mand anyone's full attention. number of superb films pro-

Images now appear in any size

Then, in the mid-1950s, vanand on a variety of surfaces; on guard ideas took hold again, a screen in a theatre, on home rooted in the idea of cinema as screens as small as the value of a craft pioneered by the Italian films of the immediate post-war period. A dazzling number your hand or as big as a wall, or tisco walls and mega-screens hanging above sports arenas and the outsides of tall public of original, passionate films of buildings. The sheer ubiquity the highest seriousness got made with new actors and tiny of moving images has steadily undermined the standards crews, were shown at film fes-tivals (of which there were people once had both for cinmore and more), and from there, garlanded with festival ema as art at its most serious and for cinema as popular prizes, into movie theatres In the first years there was essentially, no difference be-tween cinema as art and cin-

It was at this moment in the hundred-year history of cin-ema that going to movies. ema as entertainment. And all films of the silent era - from the masterpieces of Feuillade, D W Griffith, Djiga Vertov, Pabet, Murnau, King Vidor to the most formula-ridden thinking about movies, talking about movies became a ion among university stu lents and other young people. are on a very high artistic level, compared with most of Cinephilia had first become

around the world. This golden age lasted as long as 20 years.

You fell in love nor just with actors but with cinema itself. visible in the 1950s in France: its forum was the legendary film magazine. Cahiers du Cinéma (followed by similarly

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fervent magazines in Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Sweden, the US, Canada). Its temples, as it spread throughout Europe and the Americas were the many cinematheques and clubs specialising in films from the past and directors, retrospectives which sprane

np. The 1960s and early 1970s was the feverish age of moviegoing, with the full-time cinephile always hoping to find a seat as close as possible to the big screen, ideally the third row centre. "One can't live without Rossellini," declares a character in Bertolucci's Be fore the Revolution (1964) and means it.

Cinephilia — a source of ex-ultation in the films of Godard and Truffaut and the early Bertolucci and Syberberg, a morose lament in some recent films of Nanni Moretti — was mostly a western European af fair. The great directors of "the other Europe" (Zanussi in Poland, Angelopolous in Greece, Tarkovsky and Sopurov in Russia, Janeso and Tarr in Hungary) and the great Japanese directors (Oza Mizoguchi, Kurosawa, Oshima, Imamura) have tended not to be cincohiles perhaps because in Budapest

chance to get a cinémathèque education.

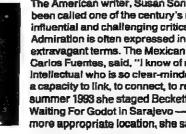
The distinctive thing about cinephile taste was that it embraced both "art" films and popular films. Thus, European cinephilia had a romantic relation to the films of cer-tain directors in Hollywood at the apogee of the studio sys-tem: Godard for Howard Hawks, Fassbinder for Douglas Sirk. Of course, this moment - when cinephilia emerged — was also the mo-ment when the Hollywood studio system was breaking

It seemed that movie-making had re-won the right to experiment; cinephiles could afford to be passionate (or sec timental) about the old Hollywood genre films. A host of new people came into chema including a generation of young film critics from Caniers du Cinéma: the towering figure of that generation, indeed of several decades of filmmaking anywhere, was Jean-Luc Godard. A few writers turned out to be wildly talented film-makers: Alexander Kluge in Germany, Pier Paolo Pasolini in Italy. (The model for the writer who turns to film-making actually emerged earlier, in France, with Pagor Moscow or Tokyo or Warnol in the 1930s and Cocteau in the 1940s; but it was not until saw or Athens there wasn't a

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the 1960s that this seemed, at least in Europe, normal.) Cinema seemed reborn. For some 15 years there vere new masterpieces every month, and one allowed oneself to imagine that this would go on forever. How far away that era seems now. To be sure, there was always a conflict between cinema as an industry and cinema as an art, cinema as routine and cinema as experiment. But the conflict was not such as to make impossible the making of wonderful films, sometimes

films, too. It is precisely this that must be defeated. That as been defeated. If cinephilia is dead, then movies are dead too . . . no matter how many movies, even very good ones, go on being made. If cinema can be resurrected, it will only be through the birth of a new kind of cine-love. C Susan Sontag



The American writer, Susan Sontag has been called one of the century's most influential and challenging critics. Admiration is often expressed in extravagant terms. The Mexican writer, Carlos Fuentes, said, "I know of no other Intellectual who is so clear-minded, with a capacity to link, to connect, to relate." In summer 1993 she staged Beckett's Waiting For Godot in Sarajevo — never a more appropriate location, she said

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Susan Bosence



Stamping her art . . . Susan Bosence's designs reveal great sensitivity in the way dyes and cloth combine to capture the estence of the initial inspiration

A treasury of textures

HE handblockprinted and resistdyed textiles which Susan Bo-sence, who has died aged 82, lovingly prodneed in Devon over four decades exemplify the qual-lties and standards she upheld. The demands of producing textiles by this method are rigorous but the challenge of her craft was compulsive and an in-tegral part of her life.

Bosence was born in Luton, the eldest daughter of John James Payne, a singw-hat manufacturer. Her first job was in London with the New Education Fellowship and through them she was introduced to Dartington, a progressive centre for arts, crafts and

education, fostered by Dorothy and Leonard Elm-birst. In 1939 she moved to Devon to become a secre-tary to W B Curry, headmaster of Dartington Hall School. Here she met Wilfred ("Bo") Bosence who taught in the junior school; they were married in 1942 and had three children.

Nourished by her surroundings and encouraged by friends and colleagues, Bosence began to experi-ment with textiles. Muriel Rose, crafts officer at the British Council, advised and Dorothy Elmhirst introduced her to the handblock-printed textiles of Phyllis Barron and Dorothy Larcher, two of the leading exponents of the in

terwar years. She visited their beautiful Cotswold home and a firm friendship developed.

Barron showed Bosence how to make her favourite indigo vat and encouraged her early lino prints of flowers, spots and stripes Subsequently she added other forms of resist-dyeing in various combinations, including trailed wax and paste, stitching. pleating and folding meth-Her designs might appear deceptively simple at first glance, yet reveal great sensitivity in the way dyes,

mark and cloth are combined to capture the essence of the initial inspiration. An important exhibition at the Ceylon

Tea Centre in London in 1961 in collaboration with Annette Kok, a graduate in pattern cutting and design, proved a success and led to numerous commissions, and invitations to teach. She resisted the temptation to expand her workshop, preferring to concentrate on the designing and making, which was what she most enjoyed. She taught at Dartington School and at the new adult education centre, whose

dychouse and printing room she planned. She also taught part-time at Farn-ham and Camberwell. Stu-dents who became friends and colleagues included Heather Williams, Judith Juman, Syeds Alf Kigin and Dorothy Marshall. In: 1966

the Bosences bought a small farm with some land on the edge of Darimour. A stable block was converted into a workshop — with clean areas, dye gullies and hanging space the prior-ities. In warm weather sho anchve rhythm of working was adopted with holidays in the family cottage in the Pyraness proving a an inspiring time for design-ing and block cutting. Bosence's only book, Handblock Printing And Basic During Transh worked outside in the farmyard; clothes lines full of lengths in different stages of completion pro-vided a colourful contrast

Resist-Dyeing, was pub-lished in 1985 and in 1994 to the flurry of white doves she took part in Colour Into Cloth. a group show at the Crafts Council in

to the murry of white doves alighting on the roof of a marrby barn. The house itself was full, of treasures and provided a perfect setting for Bo-sence's textiles which were used throughout, echoing the matural colours of the surrounding moor and sky.

surrounding moor and sky. Ten years later a Crafts Council bursary provided

into singing and he became a member of the back-up team known as "Lew's Groaners", and developed a popular comedy routine with Conella ound. lentic e In the sixties he was a regu-

Annie Get Your Gun in 1947 and West Side Story from 1953. He was one of the local musicians whose jazz experi-ence gave the orchestras the

an opportunity for her to reflect and take stock. Ex-

hibitions followed in Bris-tol, Dartington, Plymouth,

Bath and London and a pro-

ductive rhythm of working

The Guardian Saturday March 219 **Jack Thieuloy Erotic trips** with the Jack of all joys

SUBVERSIVE spirit. an iconoclast of genius, and an unconstrained practitio ner of sex in most of its forms Jack Thieuloy, who has died aged 64, was one of the most versatile writers in contempo rary French literature. He has tramped most of the world on foot or in clappedout vans, and wrote some of the most vigorously poetic and outrageously frank travel books. His most famous is-L'Inde des grands chemins, L'inde des grands chemins, beside which J R Ackerley's Hindoo Holiday, Raleigh Tre-velyan's The Golden Oriole and Rupert Croft-Cooke's The Gorgeous East fade into insignificance. This Jack of all joys was horn in Provenee of Besty

born in Provence, at Beau-caire, a medieval city that in-spired one of his best works, L'Opera de Beaucaire (1980). He was always an outsider in life and in literature, but used that curnal sense of exclusion in a positive, constructive, happy-go-lucky way. His work is often very provocative,

though never intentionally: what scandalised many people was to him nothing more than ordinary human behaviour,

There was also something very attractive in his mystical ramblings round the Far East, in which his libido, apparently inexhaustible, invented its own form of Taoism, with immediate, spontaneous love for all living things and creatures. He detested Western civilisation, "a

prison of joyless ugliness and forbidden pleasures". After graduating in Mar-seille, he spent his one and senie, he spent his one and only year in a regular job, teaching, which he hated, ai-though from his books one realises that given the proper encouragement he could have been an insprising teacher. This mere in Algeric other him This year in Algeria gave him the material for his postalgic the material for his postalgic Voltigeur de la lune (1984) whose very title, suggesting a vault over the moon, is a good image for his flamboyant wanderings. The first Thienloy book I read was about his erotic per-egrinations round the Indone-sian archipelago, La Passion

sian archipelago, La Passion Indonesienne, in which "passion" is experienced in every possible sense, and to excess always. The case with which he journeys in local buses and picks up sometime very youthful lovers in small inns or farms (despite his grubby sneakers and ragged

scriptions of scenery and daily life are unequalled in any other travel writer I know. He loved animals, and one of his most charming works is about a delightful. mischievous, affectionate little monkey. Chichi, he brought back to Parts from India - Mon Singe (1990). He also wrote an excellent novel about a whale that in 1799 was

stranded in the port of Le Havre, and was adored by the populace as an almost mythical creature: La Baleine du pont (1988).

When I heard that Jack was planning a visit to Japan. I wrote to him and asked to be allowed to meet him. The love-hate he felt for the Japanese equalled my own, a most powerful conjunction of extreme emotions that makes life there a daily revelation of unsus-pected wonders. Jack was stunned to find a people so well-organised, so apparently passionless, yet who are dormant volcances of fevered. imagination and erotic art.

E WAS captivated. as I expected him to be, by the physical grace of young Japa nese. In La Planete Nippon he writes of "the saffron-skinned Japanese boys, irresistible masturbators". He stayed in the cheap inns for day labourers and bachelor dormitories in Osaka, where his en-counters with all kinds of

outsiders like himself are decribed in detail. Back in Europe from time to time, he created distur-bances, and was everywhere out of place. In 1975, he was imprisoned for attacking the home of the novelist Fran-coise Mailet-Joris, vice-presi-dent of the Academie Goncourt, and did not spare his scorn for all literary reviewers. In 1976, he set fire

to a Monopriz department store and was given a year's suspended prison sentence. These were just some of his many misdemeanours, which nevertheless were viewed with amused tolerance by the France bethe level his hoeirs. French who loved his books. He had recently returned

from China and had finished a book about his experiences there. Djong, which should make rich reading. There was no one else like Jack and he will be sadly missed in today's staid literary climate.

James Kirkan



Buoyed by the bass

ightlife.

work on Stone's 1934 record-

INY WINTERS, who has died aged 87, was one of the most influential double bass players on this side of the Atlantic, working with almost all the major British jazz and dance bands of the thirtles.

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Tiny Winters

He adopted the heavy slapped bass style made fam-ous in the United States by Wellman Braud with Duke Ellington, and Pops Foster with Louis Armstrong, and brought a buoyant lift and swing to many records by Lew Stone and Roy Fox that would otherwise have seemed turgid and dull. Few American bassists could better his

ing of Reginald Foresythe's eerie composition Garden Of leed, where his upward run give its second part a sinister underpinning. Winters was irrepressible and a great conversationalist, fellow players, elected to always surprised and grateful that music had provided an escape from the impover-

playing and later took some

orchestras of Ambrose and

Face to Faith

Jeremy Goring

transfer to Lew Stone's leadership in 1932 after Fox had unwisely tried to combine a residency at the Monsigneur ished working class into London's glamorous interwar Restaurant with a simultaneous engagement at the Palladium He was born Frederick Gittens, and as a youth he taught

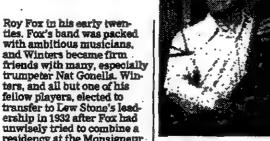
With Stone, Winters made sequence of records which himself the rudiments of base are amongst the best of Brit-ish prewar jazz. He also formal lessons. He joined the worked for the bandleader

Wisdom that is woman

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Tiny Winters ... irrepressible

and impresario Ray Noble, who borrowed Stone's band for studio work and a 1933 tour of Holland during their summer break. Stone corralled Winters

in which the high-volced an diminutive Winters played Little Nell. He retained a fondness for dramatics, and played a gnome alongside Dudley Moore in the 1965 film Santa Claus. Winters joined Nat Gonella's Georgians in 1935, caus-ing some confusion to discog raphers, since Gonella's subsequent bassist was called Charlie Winter. By this

time recognised as one of Britain's best bassists, Winers was the automatic choic to join the forward-looking Heralds Of Swing in 1939, a band killed by the outbreak o war. Winters spent much of the war in a service band

world, have lost touch with

the Spirit of truth. But some

poets. close to the mind of Christ, have known and ac-

knowledged her. One of the most remarkable

eramples of affirmation I have found is in a West African

name — "Brotherbood of the

Cross and Star." A million-strong movement drawing fol-

lowers from both Christianity and Islam, its leadership is

currently vested in a trinity of

living persons — a father, a son and a daughter. The role

of the third is similar to that traditionally ascribed to the

This woman Helen Obu

mony. In her words and actions the damonstrates that

in the eyes of God, man-made

divisions - religious, social and ethnic - do not exist.

When accompanying her

personifies order and har-

Holy Spirit.

spiritual movement with a very masculine-sounding

thereafter playing at Hat-chett's restaurant, and in the pit band for stage shows like

lar fixture in the Black and White Minstrel Show, joining George Chisholm in the jazz and comedy interludes. In the seventies he led his own trio and in the eighties toured as part of a tribute to Gonelia, while appearing reg-ularly in London with his

Berley Resce

February 16, 1995

Susan Bosence, textile de-

signer, born April 18, 1913; died

own groups. He was given the Freedom of the City of London, and finally retired only five years ago to concentrate on finishing his as yet unpublished life story.

Alyn Shipton

Tiny Winters, musician, born January 24, 1909; died February 7. 1904

tion for being hard-liners in religion.

The Brotherhood teaches that, having passed through the Ages of the Father and the Son, we are now in the Age of the Spirit. It is a millenarian vision of great hope. The movement which is based on - but not limited by - the Bible, proclaims that this is the age foretold by the prophe Joel when God will pour out his spirit on all flesh. Now is the time for the manifestation of what St Paul called the fruits of the Spirit — love. joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. And as the century draws to a close, I believe there are some signs at the grassroots that religious people, so long preoccupied with defining doctrines, maintaining structures and other divisive masculine activities, are begin-ning to submit to the leading of the Spirit.

recently on a visit to Muslim rulers in Nigeria I saw for my-self the softening influence Jeremy Goring, formerty a Unitarian minister, is a retired academic living in Lewes she had on men with a reputa

shorts) is both comic and awe- | ruary 28, 1931; died February 18 inspiring, and his vivid de-1996

Weekend Birthdays Was it suitable, asked some

people, for a monk and former public school headmaster (Ampleforth) to lead a largely working-class body of lay people and their high quotien of Irish clergy as Archbishop of Westminster? That many o the doubters have been won over is evidence of the quali-ties for which Basil Hume, 73 today, has become renowned: modesty, tact and quiet authority. At a time when Catholics

tery, and the instructions of a are often as divided as Angli-cans over issues like womens new abbot, that he will return after he tenders his resignaministry and sexual morality, tion in two years' time. RS Bume is said to have

remained loyal to the official Today's other birthdays: Pat line while showing pastoral sensitivity to dissenters in Arrowsmith, pacifist cam-paigner, 66; John Gardner, private. And in the political sphere, his behind the scenes composer, 79: Mikhail Gorbachev, former president. USSR, 65: Dame Naomi obbying gave a significant boost to the Guildford Four James, yachtswoman, 47;

and the Birmingham Six. Jennifer Jones, actress, 77; Sir John Manduell, com-His popularity is also a mark of Catholicism's up poser, principal, Royal North-ern College of Music. 68; Robwards-moving profile al-though the Catholic Church is still in decline. Hume's verert Simpson, composer, 75; John Tusa, broadcaster, for dict on a recent influx of tradimer managing director, BBC World Service, 60; John Peter Rhys (JPR) Williams, rugby player and surgeon, 47; Ian Woosnam, golfer, 37. tionalist ex-Anglicans — namely that it marked the "start of the conversion of England" — looks wishful. But as befits a monk, he is

happy to take the long view of things. He famously told a Tomorrow's birthdays: Dieter Bock, chief executive, Longroup of journalists that he "could foresee a timetable" rho. 57: Bonnie Dunbar. American engineer and astro for the lifting of current rules naut, 47; Lord Mellish, foron priestly celibacy. Asked how long this would extend, he answered blankly that it mer Labour minister, 83; Steve Morrison, managing director, London Weekend 'could take 300 to 400 years" Television, 49; Peter O'Sulle More recently, he has ad-mitted to feeling occasional regrets at not being married van, racing commentator. 78: Miranda Richardson, actress, 38; Ronald Searle, car-toonist, 76.



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NAYLOR MICHAEL J.

- Founder and Managing **Director of Endsleigh Insurance** Services Limited. Died tragically in a road accident in France on the 14th July 1995 and was buried at a private funeral on the 17th August 1995. A Memorial Service to celebrate Michael's life and work will be held on the 10th April, 7pm at Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

York cycle of Mystery Plays is this year introducing an unwelcome innovation: the part of God is to be played by a woman. "This," he said, "is political correctness gone mad." For him, as for many other faithful churchgoers,

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EORGE Austin, Arch-descon of York, is upty tradition within Christian ity that has never regarded divinity as exclusively male In the 14th century Mother Ju ian of Norwich recognised the feminine principle in the God-head. She wrote: "God almighty is our loving Father and God all-wisdom is our low ing Mother." Mother Julian was echoing

trate the truth of this, Luke the image of God is incontrovertibly masculine. There is, however, a minorfollows it with the story of the woman of ill repute who, to the disgust of a watching Phar isee, washed the Master's feet with her tears. The woman, welcomed by lesus, rejected by those wise in the ways of the world, may be seen as representing the divine wisdom. She was in-deed "beneficent, humane, steadfast and sure." The will-

ingness of Jesus to relate to the Old Testament view that women, including those con-Jahweh was not only a God of power, who intervened forcedemned as "sinners", was a continual source of wonder and annoyance to men who. unlike him, had difficulty in fully in the world, but a God of wisdom who, in gentler (and more feminine) fashion, nour-ished and sustained it. To the cknowledging their own minine side. ancient Hebrews the divine

wisdom, which they equated with the Spirit of God, was ESUS possessed in abun-dance the qualities, found invariably feminine. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister", said the father to the son in In men as well as women, that are regarded as charac-teristically feminine — recep tivity, gentleness, patience, Proverbs. "In her", says the Wisdom of Solomon, "there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy ess and awareness of other people's needs. Divine ... beneficent, humane, stead fast, sure." "She is a breath of wisdom became incarnate in this man who stopped to listen the power of God; and a pure to women and children, emanation of the glory of the Almighty...She can do all things and, while remaining healed the sick. considered the lilies and kept silence before his accusers. According to Luke he assured his disciples that he would bequeath to them the wisdom which Jesus, we are told, came to know her well. As he grew up none of your adversaries will he "became strong and filled be able to withstand or contrawith wisdom." He himself dict." Jesus said that this spoke of prophets and apostles being sent by "the wisdom of Counsellor, "the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive," would remain with his disciples for ever. God." And once, when considering people's contrasting responses to his message, he said: "Wisdom is justified of

Succeeding generations of Christians, too much preoccupied with the things of this

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OOTBALL took another shot at fmancial services this week when Glas-gow Celtic became the first club to launch a personal equity plan. But while some clubs are encouraging share ownership among fans, others are making it more difficult for supporters to share in their team's

This week saw the prices of many football shares soar as teams such as Mancheste United, Tottenham Hotspur and Celtic continue their string of good results. But trad-ing shares in some of the other top clubs such as Liverpoo Aston Villa and West Ham has become much tougher following changes to Stock Ex-change listings and a miserly attitude towards fans among

even the richest of clubs. Managed by the Prudential, Celtic's Pep plan will offer fans a choice between income and growth. Initial charges are being discounted from 3 per cent to I per cent until the and of April, while management charges will be 1.5 per cent per annum.

The Pep is being sold through Caledonian Investments, a Glasgow-based firm of independent financial advi-sers, but Celtic fans will be heartened that half the commission paid by the Prudential will go to the club. Last month, Celtic launched its own branded car and home insurance and a spokesman for Caledonian says the club intends to introduce a mortgage for fans within the next couple of months

When Celtic issued shares a year ago, the offer was four

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Team spirit . . . Glasgow Celtic has launched a Pep plan which offers fans a choice between income and growth

neans of fuelling their plans many fans will be disappointed for domestic and European that they cannot hold Celtic shares in their Pep plan, as the club, together with Preston North End, is listed on the Al-ternative Investment Market. glory, but like Celtic they are more likely to choose a less onerous and relatively inexpensive AIM listing to issue shares to fans and investors. the junior market launched last June for fledgling public Chelsea is the latest football club to consider joining AIM. The advantage to fans of trad-ing in AIM shares is that they can avoid paying capital gains tax if they reinvest their prof-its in the member ompanies. The football fan's access to tax-free returns is limited at present, because only shares in Tottenham, Manchester its in the market. However, as there are relatively few people buying and selling AIM shares on a regu-

United and Millwall — th three clubs to gained a full list-ing on the stock market — are epable. However, broke lar basis, investors may not be Wise Speke manages a Man-chester United single company able to buy or sell as quickly as they would like, and the spread between the buying and sell-ing price is likely to reflect Pep which means fans can in-vest their full £9,000 a year allowance in the club's shares Other ambitious clubs such

Many of the shares now as Newcastle United will probquoted on AIM were previously listed under the Stock ably come to market too as a

Bachange's Rule 4.2 on a "matched bargsin" where stockbrokers advertised orders and share prices on a bulletin board on behalf of their clients. When Rule 4.2 was scrapped at the end of er, companies had two options: seek a listing or trade ndependently "off-exchange" Market-maker JP Jenkins has set up a facility for companies who do not want to pay the cost of joining the listed exchanges. Arsenal, Rangers and Manchester City have all joined "Ofex" which offers even less liquidity than AIM and can take weeks or even months to match buyers with seller. But at least the listing allows fans to check the price at which shares last traded.

However, shares in six clubs are no longer listed on any exchange. Fans wishing to trade

shares in Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Everton, Liverpool, West Brom and West Ham must now rely on the club Ham must now rely on the citud secretary or share registrar to find a buyer or seller and come up with a price. Mark Wheeler, market ana-lyst with Dunbar, Boyle and Kinglsey says trading in some club shares has become almost impossible. He says: "If there is no market, how can buyers and sellers agree a price? At east under 4.2 you could use the price at which the last deal

tee of getting the best price for While Premier League clubs think little of spending up to £9 million on new players, JP Jenkins says most of the for-mer 4.2 clubs said they were unwilling to pay the annual fee of £3,000 to join Ofex for the sake of their shareholders. "It loesn't seem much in terms of transfer fees, but it's an extra admin cost which the club doesn't need," says a spokes

was traded as a benchmark. As | man for Aston Villa, which it stands, fans have no guaran- | has more than 8,000 shareho has more than 8,000 shareholders. "Besides, most of our shareholders have held their shares since 1968 and hold them for reasons other than investment." According to the spokesman, Aston Villa is looking at "other ways of fa-cilitating share trading that do not involve a listing" and expects to announce something at the club's AGM in August.

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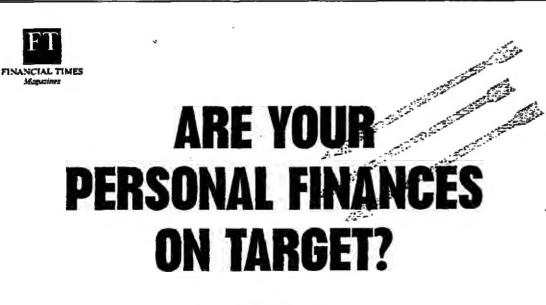
ARKS & Spencer is wid-ening the scope of its money-back promises with the launch of a guaran-

teed Pep. For a limited period until April 4, investors in the new Marks & Spencer FT-SE 100 tracker Pep will be guaranteed their capital back if their origi nal investment has fallen in value on April 4, 2001. Minimum investment is £3.000, but investors' money is not locked in and withdrawals can be made at any time without penalty. If partial withdrawals are made, however, the money-back guarantee will apply only to the remaining mount invested. There are no initial charges and the annual management fee is I per cent, but the cost of the guarantee works out at 1.5 per cent per

Virgin Direct, promoting its tracker Pep, has led an assault on initial and management charges. The modest perfor-mance of tracker funds can be easily offset by excessive fees, and an extra charge for guaranteeing capital means the money-back promise could be more of a burden than a help. Ivory & Sime has a guarantee of a different nature on two new Peps, promising to repay the capital investment if the investor dies when the plan is showing a loss. The guarantee is free to investors aged under 80 who invest in either its investment trust Pep or Pep Booster single company plan, but initial charges are 4 per cent and management charges weigh in at 1.25 per cent.

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Charity sports in the City

CHILDREN'S charity was £20,000 richer last night after business people went mountain bik-ing, running and broomballing in the City Challenge sports event. Chess on an outsize board,

laser pigeon shooting and a blindfolded obstacle race were among other events. All events took place in the Square Mile.

The cash raised will go to equip a new centre for disabled children in Kingstonupon-Thames, Surrey, run by NCH Action for Children. Chemical Bank, Reuters,

Coutts and Orange were among the companies who entered teams. Celebrity teams headed by actress Jenny Agutter and Olympic runner Steve Cram also

participated. A similar four-day event takes place in July. HOTOGRAPH: E. HAMILTON



Poor performance of stations raises fears that privatisation will be followed by closures and job losses

Winter blights nuclear sale

Simon Beavis and Chris Barrie

OVERNMENT plans for the 2.6 billion nuclear privatisation have been damaged by a winter of disastrou performances from some of the industry's key atomic reactors.

The problem has been so acute that it is feared up to three of the eight reactors lined up for the sale could be vulnerable to early closure after privatisation, with the loss of thousands of jobs. The poorest performer this

winter has been Dungen

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an advanced gas-cooled reac-tor (AGR) in Kent. But City experts believe there have also been persistent and acute problems with two other AGRs, Heysham in Lancashire and Hartlepool in Cleve-land, as well as the Welsh mag-noz station Wylfa and another in Suffolk, Sizewell A. Under privatisation plans, the three AGRs are to be sold, along with four sister stations and Sizewell B, the pressurised water reactor. The al-derly magnox stations are to stay in state hands. The failure this winter of

key stations has been responsible for a sharp increase in electricity prices because power stations which are able

Factory figures Hong Kong firm's £230m

the result of a continued gen-

to meet a shortfall in supply are given special capacity payments on top of their usual earnings City experts estimate that the shutdowns amount to a loss of about 2 gigawatts of capacity between October and the end of January. Nuclear Electric's total capacity on the

generating system amounts to 10 gigawatts. At this level Nuclear Elec-tric — the company that runs nuclear stations at present in England and Wales — will have seen revenues from the poorly performing stations cut by up to £173 million.

microchip plant

means 770 new

jobs for Wales

Wafer-Fab (NWL), a South

ternational Holdings, will include a new plant produc-ing silicon waters with en-

Wales subsidiary of the Hong Kong-based QPL In

hanced technology. The plant will be one of less

than 20 of its type in the

The project is one of the

largest undertaken by QPL which employs more than

ment deal will be the build-

ing and equipping of a 20,000 square metre high-

tech factory by the WDA. The value of this building,

and the total package of in-

ducements, was not dis-

Some of the equipment for the plant will be pur-

chased abroad. "This in-

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Martyn Halsall

its other plants will have been paid the higher prices triggered when there are capacity shortfalls on the grid system. Whatever the precise commercial damage, the capacity problems will have complicated efforts by the Govern-ment and the industry to draw

up credible forecasts of turnover and profitability. Dungeness was twice at the centre of near-collapse of the national electricity grid last year when it accidentally ripped itself.

Concern about the station has left some observers con-vinced that British Energy, the holding company set up by the Government to control the privatised reactors of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear. is weighing up options for losing some of its worst stations

British Energy insisted that it was "highly unlikely" that the stations would close early once they were in the private sector. Many of the difficulties had been caused by non-nuclear problems, a spokes-woman said. The company was taking action to put right the design faults.

But the poor performance record is bound to trouble City investors who next week get their first chance to scrutinise the privatisation plans as British Energy and the Government start a hectic campaign to drum up support.

Growing concerns that some of the seven AGRs being old alongside the new £2.9 billion Sizewell B station could close early will fuel fears in the unions, which are opposing the sell-off, that pri-

vatisation will unleash a new round of heavy job cuts. Tony Cooper, general secre-tary of the Engineers and Managers Association, expressed surprise that early closure was being contemplated. Closing three stations would create a "very strange

ompany", he said.
John Uttley, finance director of the National Grid, exercised options on 29,717 shares yesterday, making a paper profit of £46,715.



Richard Branson's Virgin group, which is part of the

LCR consortium, has also

The Guardian Saturday March 2 1996 Saturday Notebook Mutuals find they still have teeth



Alex Brummer

HE warning from the Bank of England's new supervisory chief. Michael Foot, that cut-throat competition in the mortgage narket could be dangerous for banks and building societies. is extremely timely. The Nationwide, with its

new, lower mortgage tariff and higher savings rates to be paid for out of profits. has opened a new front in the hattle between the shrinking mutual sector and the traitors to the movement: those societtes which decided that being a bank offered advantage. Whereas it is fairly clear

that mutuals, rigorously supervised by the Building Societies Association (BSA) have the resources for such a long-term price-cutting exer-cise, it is not so clear that the converted societies — with their dividend obligations their dividend obligations — will have the same freedom. The way things can go wrong when formerly highly regu-lated institutions, such as the converted building societies, are given new freedoms in a deregulated marketplace, was demonstrated by the Savings & Loan ball-out in the United States — the most expensive in financial history.

in financial history. Mr Foot is right to be bothered, in that an estimated 60-70 per cent of the assets once in the building society sector have bolted or signalled their departure. The trail blazed by the Abbey National --- which regards mutuality with the contempt of the convert — has now been followed by the Cheltenham & Glouces ter (part of Lloyds Bank), the National Provincial (swal-lowed by Abbey), the Halifax/ Leeds, the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester.

All are competing intensely for what is still a limited maret in new mortgages, but also for a much larger market in refinancings, which by definition tend to be less profitable. It is the existing mortgage books, with their large spread between low-paying savings accounts and relatively strong margins on lending, which made societies like the Cheltenham & Gloucester so attractive to Lloyds. In fact it can be argued that

from take-overs by public companies. At present it is far easier for a plc such as Abbey National to take control of a mutual by using its ability to issue shares, than it is for two mutuals to merge. The plc is able to offer shares or cash bribes, as in the case of the Abbey's absorption of National & Provincial which gives them an advantage over two mutuals seeking an

agreed merger. Inevitably this means that except in financial emergennes, the existing mutuals are limited in what they can do. even among themselves, for fear of attracting a bostile approach from Lloyds Bank or the Abbey, currently regarded as potential hostile predators. The bill is not, however,

totally negative for the remaining building societies One concession, granted as a result of lobbying, allows mutuals to participate in all types of insurance business — not ust house-related policies as in the early drafts. The mutu-als have also won new freedoms in their money-market operations: under the new bill they will be allowed to raise up to 50 per cent of funding on the wholesale market, making them less dependent on depos-itors' funds.

Perhaps most importantly of all, the bill gives the build-ing societies a survival charer. Although the current regulatory regime has never allowed a building society to collapse, which is more than can be said for Threadneedle Street (see page 38), the inflex-ible approach of the regime is widely regarded as one of the reasons why some of the more ambitious societies holted, in an effort to grow

HERE must be questions. however, particularly for the last two to announce conversions - the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester - as to whether they will ever get down the slipway. At pres-ent the Buildings Societies Act does provide for those societies which convert a five-year standstill, during which they cannot be bid for. However. there is a hole in the defences: there is absolutely nothing to prevent an ambitious financial services player, seeking new retail outlets, from mov-ing into the market place before conversion takes place and offering a higher cash bo-nus to members than they might be expected to receive

from conversion. But there is an alternative model for beating the regula-tory regime. This is the commercial television ploy. As soon as the Woolwich or A&L

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But the deficit to Nucle Electric's coffers overall is likely to be smaller because

Serah Ryle

TTY expectations of an imminent cut in inter-est rates grew last night following new evidence that the manufacturing sector is suffering from worsening de-mand and that inflationary pressure is receding.

A snapshot of producers by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing Managers showed the manufacturing sector contracting in February, following five months of slowing growth.

hancellor Kenneth Clarke is due to meet the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, next Thursday to discuss monetary policy. City analysts said that yes

terday's onta. which the authoritles monitor closely, would strongly support a cut in base rates from 6.25 per cent to 6 per cent, which would stimulate demand.

Adam Cole, an economist at James Capel, said the survey showed manufacturing indus try was "teetering on the brink of recession".

He added: "Against this background, the case for lowe base rates remains sound, with a better than evens chance of a 0.25 per cent reduction at next Thursday's

monetary meeting." HSBC economist Don Smith said: "This very much supports our view that rates are going to come down on March 7. It points to worsening conditions, not even stable conditions, in manufacturing. Prices paid dropped like a stone, which points to a fall in producer input prices this nonth, reinforcing the view that underlying inflation pres

sures are easing." The CIPS said: "In February, over a quarter of purchas ing managers surveyed reported that prices were

Will Hutton offers

some surprising

Monday's Guardian

answers. See



eral weakening of demand." The institute's seasonally idjusted headline index, the PML moved below 50, which indicates contraction rather than growth, for the first time since November 1992. Firms producing capital

goods, such as plant and ma-chinery, pulled down the over all performance of the sector. The survey suggested they were feeling the effects of weak demand much more keenly than plants producing consumer goods, which showed a relative upturn Consumer goods factories

boosted the overall level of new orders, the main component of the PMI, but the CIPS said the growth was "negli-gible" and slower than in January. Peter Thomson, CIPS direc-

,000 worldwide. The new plant. expected to be com-missioned in 1997, will be tor-general, said: "The buoythe most advanced in ancy currently enjoyed by Europe and capable of pro-ducing up to 10,000 silicon firms producing goods for consumer markets, where output and demand are strongest. wafers a month. contrasts sharply with a stag-nancy being felt by makers of

The new investment, agreed between QPL and Welsh Development capital equipment, such as plant and machinery." Agency officials in January, will safeguard 500 associ-ated jobs. Negotiations have Further evidence of a twotier manufacturing sector favouring consumer goods firms was provided by the been taking place over the past year for the project. Other contenders included

levels of stocks held by manu facturers. Firms producing groups based in Ireland and Italy. QPL's initial consumer goods stepped up their output, while capital £41.5 million project was announced at Duffryn. goods producers preferred to Newport in 1992. Part of the inward investrun down stocks. The survey suggested a

widespread effort to react to thinning order books through non-replacement of stocks, previously built up in anticipation of price rises. Stocks of purchases fell in February, although not so sharply as in January. Manufacturing employment fell for the second month

in a row as companies responded to lower production levels. The CIPS said it reflected uncertainty about future business conditions.

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vestment is the largest in the Newport area since Lianwern steel making received major investment 30 years ago," said James Turner, managing director of the international divsion of the WDA. David Rowe-Beddoe, WDA chairman, said: "The sheer scale of this investment will be a tremendous boost to the local conomy." The new jobs will be wel-come in an area 8,033 unemployed (8.4 per cent). The ocal economy has broadened radically since widespread coal and steel clo-sures in the early 1980s and now includes significent

BID £500 million lower WELSH industry yester day celebrated St than the one submitted by its nearest rival was David's Day with the pros-pect of 770 new jobs from a £230 million microchip the main reason why London and Continental Railways secured the £3 billion contract plant expansion — one of the largest ever inward into build the Channel Tunnel rail link by 2003 it emerged vestment projects wel-comed to Wales. Expansion by Newport yesterday. The bid immediately ap-

Keith Harper Transport Editor

pealed to the Treasury even though the alternative submitted by Eurorail, a consor tium, which included Trafal gar House and the National Westminster Bank, was regarded as better balanced.

been identified as one of the bidders for the Gatwick Express service between Gatwick Airport and Victoria station, London. Final bids closed vesterday for four passenger routes, which are among the 25 carved up from British Rail's old empire. Apart from the Gatwick Express, the other routes are the East Coast main line, Network south Central and Mid-

land main line. One of the main bidders for the prestigious East Coast route is a management buyout team called Wenfordbray

SwebGas bows to critics

Geoffrey Gibbs

WEBGAS, the gas sup-Sply business facing fierce criticism for aggressive selling methods, has agreed to open its books to trading standards officers ollowing more than 100 com plaints against the company Ron Wylie, its managing di rector, and Philip Saunders, commercial marketing director of parent company South Western Electricity, met senior officials of Devon County Council's trading standards department in Exeter yesterday for what were described as "full and frank" discussions about con umers' worries. "We have had a very open

discussion and they have thrown open their books for

Martyn Halsall, Northern Industrial Correspondent BRITAIN'S oldest hat maker, founded by 18th century Quakers and revived by late 20th century film-mak ers, has been sold in a 🖾 million deal uniting ancient and modern production methods. A new factory will be one of the major dividends from the acquisition of Christy Headwear by venture capitalist,

Priory Investments. The company, founded in 1773 in Stockport. Cheshire, and the last manufacturer in the world of the traditional English bowler, was owned previousl by the Cadogan Group. The company, which produces classic tweed hats and caps alongside less traditional

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us to investigate." said Bob Imrie, the county's assistant director of trading standards and consumer protection. He said the department was un-likely to be making a further tatement until next week. SwebGas has been wooing gas consumers in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset in preparation for the ending of ral Gas, part of the Hanson Group, launched its sales campaign with a pledge to undercut British Gas prices the British Gas monopoly on iomestic supplies next month Following a series of comby 20 per cent, joining fellow plaints, the company, which is promising discounts of up to 25 per cent on existing bills, agreed to drop doorstep sell-ing. It has also amended appli and Texaco. • Yorkshire Electricity cation forms to ensure confollowing reports that Ameri-ca's General Public Utilities -

sumers are aware they are signing a contract and not simply seeking information. Mr Imrie said his department was aware of 105 complaints from consumers in the

Wearing well as oldest hatter carries on in £3m deal

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Mr Men headwear and specialities such as felts. Bros and wholesales to Har-

for years," he said "crushable" bowlers, has seen its top hats enjoying a revival since the release of the film, Priory Investments, based in London, was founded in 1990 and specialises in buying Four Weddings and a Funeral out middle-sized business with a market value of be-Its Quaker founders, Miller Christy and Joseph Stores, ween £5 million and £15 milwould still recognise some of the original machinery for lion. Its companies' products include leather and healthcare, book and software pub-Traditions are expected to lishing and telecommunicabe maintained at what is also tions and shipping. Maurice one of Europe's largest suppli-Pinto, its chief executive, is ers of panama hats -- whose wearers include the cricketer Geoffrey Boycott --- but the takeover was "a wonderful opportunity for us." said Mike Hayle, chief executive. The company, which exports to 30 countries, runs concessions in Dunns and Moss

shortly to become Christy's non-executive chairman Christy's new metropolitan owners seem unlikely to change its trademark, honouring its Jermyn Street howroom in London rather than its traditional factory in Stockport, where its peak workforce of 3,000 has now

dwindled to 300 in a town that

rods and Selfridges, has "been wanting to build a new factory once supported 60 hatters.

they were interested in buying shares in Wenfordbray. So far 20 per cent have said yes.

Ltd. Two weeks ago, the 2,900 employees who run the East

Coast services were asked if

The objective is to make it

impossible for an incoming Labour government to

reverse privatisation if the Tories are defeated at the

three counties. More than 60

passed on by the Gas Consum

ers Council had already been

Meanwhile, Eastern Natu-

looked into but a further 40

Gas head office in Exeter.

contenders British Gas.

shares rose 39p to 790p

considering a bid.

Amerada Hess, Total, British

Fuels and Calortex, the last a joint venture between Calor

previously linked with a bid for Midlands Electricity — is

election.

loyds received the C&G The Government has told mortgage business virtually British Rdil's chairman, John at book value, since by the time the deal went through. C&G had added a substantial Welsby, that it wants privatisation completed by March 81 next year. The new target is ncome to its reserves which for the BR board to transfer of was not paid out to members dismiss by that date all but a handful of staff required to process residual paperwork.

ESPITE the instability caused by the rush from mutuality (where the members own the society) to plc status, the new building societies bill to be laid before Parliament in the next two weeks will not improve the position of those societies wish ing to remain as mutuals. This is despite extensive lobbying by the BSA of Treasury Minis ter Angela Knight. In particu-lar the BSA has been anxious to reinforce and clarify the two-year" rule, under which the only society members qualifying for special payments are those who wer members for two years before would be investigated by trad-ing standards officers going through records at the Swebthe last public accounts. By such methods the mutuals hope to defend themselves against the hot-money flows of the last five years, as investors have sought bonuses, and to insulate themselves better

the Halifax is slmost certainly too big) comes to the market, SBC Warburg will be there to pounce, warehousing up to 15 per cent of the stock in much the same way as Granada bought up to 25 per cent of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, This leaves all the options open for the predator: it can swap its stock with someone else, make a full bid when the five-year siege protection runs out, or simply sell in the market if the

share price rises. Either way it may be difficult for the smaller conver-sions to see clear blue water on their own, unless they themselves embark on ambitious takeover plans which make them bid-proof. In effect the converting

building societies have put themselves into play with the possibility that their identity vill be buried. The rump of the movement, if it can survive, appears to have found itself a new loyalty strategy by sacrificing profits for better returns and cheaper mort-gages. That should keep competitors like the Abbey on their toes.

Government puts battle for Lloyds Chemists on hold

Lisa Buckingham

THE battle for could of an Lloyds Chemists was put Government said it would be referring the takeover offer from UniChem to the Monopo lies and Mergers Commission The move means Uni-

Chem's bid now lapses, but an alvsts said it did not leave the field clear for its rival, Gehe. The Government is also ask-ing the European Commission to refer Gene's £650 million cash bid to the UK competition

authorities. Shares in Lloyds fell by 24p to 459p, reflecting concerns a the intervention which will delay a resolution of the contest by several months and could debar both birders. Unichem shares also sank 3p to 343p, reducing the value of its cash-and-shares bid. It is, however, expected to

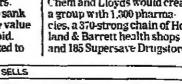
take Brussels three weeks to decide on a referral, during which time Gebe can pursue its bid. The Takeover Panel is understood to have ruled out any intervention, on the basis that shareholders can reject Gehe's offer if they want to wait for UniChem to re-enter the fray.

battle would be in a position to challenge Boots, the current eader, which has 1,200 shops and about 12 per cent of the the market.

Competition and Consumer Affairs, made it clear he was concerned not only about competition in the retail market but also in the wholesale trade.

A merger between Uni-Them and Lloyds would create a group with 1,300 pharmacies, a 370-strong chain of Hol-land & Barrett health shops and 185 Supersave Drugstores.

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The winner of the takeover John Taylor, Minister for

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As thousands campaign to salvage Germany's largest shipbuilder .

The Guardian Saturday March 2 1998 **Australians open** legal door to mine Siberian gold

Resistance to foreign participation is being overcome and a new 'Johannesburg' is opening up, reports JAMES MEEK in Moscow

"We don't know what the

next steps by the general pros-ecutor's office will be, but

what makes me sad as a Rus-

the development of the politi-cal situation."

ministration has effectively

JOINT Australian-Russian company is claiming victory in a court battle over its right to mine the world's biggest undeveloped gold deposit —a Siberian ridge, Sukhoi Log (Dry Gulch), thought to contain more than 1,200 tonnes of the precious metal. But before the way is

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cleared for over \$1 billion (2650 billion) worth of invest ment, Russia must declassify secret geological data about the exact disposition of the gold in the ground. If the project goes ahead,

seven years after the Australian firm Star Technology Sys tems first became involved in Russian mining, it will help to reassure nervous overseas inestors at a time when the use of the country's great wealth of raw materials is becoming an increasingly sensitive do-mestic political issue.

Star has a 31 per cent stake in Lenzoloto, the company set up to exploit Sukhoi Log and the surrounding goldfields, about 200 miles north-east of Lake Baikal. Lenzoloto was formed in 1992 by a decree of the then Russian prime minis ter, Yegor Gaidar. The Russian general prose

cutor's office has tried for three years to have the com-pany declared illegal on the grounds that Star was awarded the right to join the project without any competition.

The case finally came to Russia's Higher Arbitration Court last week and was thrown out by the judge be-cause its time limit had expired. Ian MacNee, Star's vice-

chairman: said the judge had

also ruled out any further questioning of the legality of moderniae Russian telecom munications are all part of a the venture or Star's role in it. struggle for assets between Tim Razzall, a Star director state and commercial bodies. said that the project had been the conduct of which has forced to rely on a government scant regard for laws, decree and official statements. decree to get started, because in 1992 Russian laws were con Mr Razzall acknowledges the problems, but said he beradictory. The Australian firm has already invested. lieved Star and Lenzoloto about \$55 million in were now in the clear. "The people who want to see Star

A spokesman for the Rus-slan State Property Commitfail are not Russians of differ ent political persuasions. tee, which led the court de They are economic opponents fence of the government's 1992 decree, said: "We always said that this case had no future. people who would like to be in Star's position." According to Star, the se-crecy issue is not expected to Our legal experts always make a very serious analysis before beginning a

be a problem for much longer. Mr MacNee said Lenzoloto already had access to all information about gold reserves at Sukhoi Log and simply needed permission to disclose the full data to shareholders.

sian citizen is that many fac-tors bearing on this depend on Star reckons the area to which Lenzoloto has the concession could be "a new Johannesburg". This year marks the 150th anniversary

Both Boris Yeltsin and his main rival in the June presi-dential elections, communist of the discovery of gold around the Lens river and its tribuleader Gennady Zyuganov, have repeatedly said they want foreign investment in taries, the ancestral lands of the Evenki people. By 1881, the goldfields supported a Yu-kon-like community of pros-Russia. But the communists have also threatened to review sectors with a school, a batht privatisations for irreguhouse and a brothel larities. while the Yeltstn ad-

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Cross road . . . Lloyd shipyard workers in Bremerhaven illustrate fears for their parent group PHCTOORAPH PETER MUELLER

Union sounds rescue call for Vulkan

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HOUSANDS of workers demonstrated across Germany's north coast shipbuilding region on on Fri day to demand the rescue of the country's largest ship-builder, Bremer Vulkan Verbund.

Workers gathered at the gates of Bremer Vulkan's Neue Jadewerft shipyard in Wilhelmshaven in the first of a series of protests organised by the engineering union IG Metall to highlight the im pact on the industry of Bremer's feared demise "If Bremer Vulkan Verbund is divided up and there is one deal for the east and one for Bremen, we will be left hang-ing," Waldemar Hampel, head of the Jadewerft's works coun-cil, told the demonstration. Demonstrations were not limited to Bremer Vulkan's yards. About 1,500 workers blocked the gates at Blohm und Voss in Hamburg to show solidarity. "We know the feeling

IG Metall official Peter Neuhaus told the workers at Blohm und Voss, noting that its workforce had halved in recent years, Bremer Vulken applied for

protection from creditors over a week ago after disclosing a DM1 billion (£446 million) los for 1995

The collapse of the ship-builder, which employs 23,000 people, would come as a severe blow to the econom cally depressed regions on the north German coast, where unemployment is already well above the national average

Chargeurs split puts focus on Hollywood and TV ambitions

frozen new privatisation and begun a hunt for scapegoats for economic problems from the Gaider years. Western and Russian by troops. British business also has cause to remember the region with grief. In 1925, the Soviet doubts over the new oil pro duction sharing law, the stalled attempt to give control over metals giant Nortisk Nickel to a Russian commeryears later Stalin snatched it back. cial bank and the on-off deal to bring an Italian partner in to **Bretons put** case for

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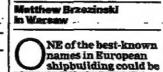
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names in European shipbuilding could be about to fall victim to the ng the

more at local subcontractors and suppliers. The company's directors were this week hammering out plans for wide-sweeping structural reforms. The company is trying to negotiate a debt-for-equity swap

Textiles group spins off what may become transatlantic media force. writes ALEX DUVAL SMITH in Paris

NEW European film and media group may emerge after Chargeurs, the French textiles and media conglomerate with a stake in BSkyB, announced this week that it is to split into two. News of the demorger of the company, which recently res-cued the left-wing Libération newspaper, immediately sparked rumours that Chargeurs was planning a bid for MGM, the Hollywood major owned by the troubled Crédit Lyonnais bank.

But Chargeurs - which under the plan will group its media interests under the Pathé banner and rename its textile business Chargeurs In-ternational --- insisted the demerger was merely a "cleanup operation".

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A spokesman said the diver sity of the conglomerate had lowered its stock market value. "Financial analysts do not understand our group. We have made this move to define ourselves better." French analysts said the de-

merger would increase Charcours's stock market value, which stood at Fr9 billion (£1.2 billion) before the announcement on Tuesday. They suggested a valuation of some Fr10 billion for the media arm and Fr5 billion for textiles. But projected losses for 1995 are estimated at F1575 million.

The losses are confined almost entirely to the media and film arm. Libération's losses are estimated at Fr140 million this year. Chargeurs also owns the rights to two movie "turkeys" — the hugely over-spent Cutthroat Island and the box office flop Showgirls. Under the new structure. Chargeurs's 17.5 per cent stake in Rupert Murdoch's-BSkyB will come under the Pathé banner, along with Liberation, two pay-TV stations and the Pathé and Renn film production companies. BSkyB is by far the group's

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A favoured scenario among The Roscoff-registered busi-French analysts is that Charss has grown beyond recoggeurs-Pathé is "cleaning up its act" ahead of a battle for nition since the early 1970s when it was established by MGM against consignerate Breton farmers to ferry their like PolyGram. For this asproduce to west of England sault, Pathé would enter into partnership with Mr Murmarkets, It now employs over 2,500 loch, who already owns 20th

people and carries around three million passengers a Century For. MGM, which is expected year on routes out of Roscoff. Caen and St Malo to the UK ports of Plymouth, Poole and this month to be sold by the French state receiver, has the rights to more than 1,200 films ortsmouth and to Cork in the Republic of Ireland including the James Bond series. It is said to be particu But while turnover has burlarly attractive because sev-eral new television channels coned to well over \$200 million Brittany Ferries is facing

are hungry for back-catalogue. An alternative scenario choppy financial waters. With the strength of the franc com-pounding the problems of a would see Pathé bid for the high cost base, its fleet of sever wholly-owned vessels is incur-ring unquantified losses. TF1 franchise, which comes up for renewal in the spring. It has been talking to the French government in the hope of finding ways of reduc-ing the burden of the social The control of France's biggest terrestrial television station is currently with Bouygues — a building group facing huge losses and claims that it has manipulated TF1's costs that it — as a French employer of French staff-has to bear. news schedules to favour

right-wing politicians hostile to President Jacques Chirac. A hid on such a scale would The company estimates it incurs some £10 million a year in costs that its UK competi-tors do not face. It also comalso require a partnership, raising the prospect of BSkyt having a state in the French plains of having to pay higher port duties in Caen, St Malo and Roscoff — where it is the only operator — than its rivals to in the larger channel ports to the east.

Company spok men insis that they are not "doing an Air Trance" and asking for a state subsidy. But the discussions are being quietly monitored by rivals.P & O, which operates out of Por tamouth to

Cherbourg and Le Havre, for any sign of government intervention. "We see our competitors using profits they make on other routes to subsidise fares on the western channel routes," said a Britanny Ferries spokesman. "The objective, as we see it, is to level the playing field, to find a way of giving us the same overheads as our UK competitors.



ERRY companies serving the western channel ports are in an uneasy stand-off try. Bariler this month, one of over the vexed question of In what may become an-other Anglo-French transpor

Germany's largest ship-yards, Bremer Vulkan, suspended the trading of its shares as management scraped together DM200 million (£89 mil-

lion) in emergency financ-ing to attempt to bail out the alling enterprise. This week, the directors of Poland's Stocznia Gdanska were scrambling to come un with a similar package to save the famous shipyard. The Gdansk shipyard is not celebrated for produc ing bulk carriers. It is better known as the pla where a moustachioed elec trician named Lech Walesa aunched the trade unio Solidarity and toppled the communist regime. The market reforms that followed Poland's demoratic revolution have left the yard barely afloat. Orders dried up after the collapse of the Soviet Union deprived Stocznia Gdanska of its main export market.

Since 1989 the company has floundered in a sea of red accounting ink, last year ringing up losses of \$38 miltion (£25 million). With Mr Waless in the presidential palace, the



Gdansk's heyday ... Walesa, with the megaphone, led the Solidarity strike in 1980

company - considered by ignored and overdue loans many a shrine to the o state financial institustruggle against commu -could count on the Polish government to throw it a lifeline in times of need. Analysts speculate that over the past five years it has received an estimated \$145 million in hidden subsidies Back taxes and unpaid workmen's compensation contributions were overlooked. Energy bills to state-owned utilities were

tions were restructured or written off. But since ex-communist Aleksander Kwasniewski ent Mr Walesa packing in November's bitter pres tial elections the yard can no longer count on the Tres sury. Poland's ruling reformed communists have no nostalgia for their old

In late January the shipyard president, Ryszard

Goluch, said the stateowned enterprise was fac-ing disaster and called for the government to help. However finance minister Grzegorz Kolodko said any intervention could damage Poland's perspective mem

bership in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Thus the yard is forced to dig itself out of its financial woes. At stake are 7,000 jobs in the sprawling complex and several thousand

John Glover In Milan

Bank Handlowy and Bank Gdanski. Bank officials de clined to comment on the talks or the extent of the vard's indebtedne Stocznia Gdanska is ex pected to try to raise cash by selling off considerable tracts of land it owns near Gdansk's city centre. It may also be forced to hive off other operations within the

group. If the company manager to stave off creditors, shed some of its bloated work-force and increase effidency, it stands a good chance of survival. Its order book is estimated at \$800 million, extending to 1997.

Stocznia Gdanska's two main competitors in Poland, Stocznia Sz cinska and Stocznia Gdynia across the bay, faced similar problems in 1992. But they did not have Lech Wa-

lesa es a patron. After painful overhauls, the shipbuilders are now profitable and unsubsidised. According to Lloyd's register, the Szczecin ship yard, a basket case in 1991, is today ranked as the world's sixth largest producer of medium-size con tainer ships.

It's a tough job — but |Lucas joins race Mr Schmidt's got to do it to buy parts firm

Mark Milner Europeen Basiness Editor

ALDEMAR Schmidt, chief executive of the international cleaning group ISS, is facing a tough decision over the future direction of the group. After only a few months in the top job at ISS, based in Denmark, Mr Schmidt musi decide whether the group will continue with its present structure, providing specific services for its custom ITS, OF embrace the US concept of turning itself into a "facilities anagement group". The driving force behind facilities management is the

move by a number of international companies towards con tracting out basic services such as cleaning, security, heating, even the allocation of office space - "everything that has to do with rooning a building", as Mr Schmidt puts

Nor can Mr Schmidt afford to hesitate too long. Already, at least one of IBM's subsid-

ager, rather than directly for the IBM subsidiary itself. It is not a situation on which Mr Schmidt appears particularly keen. "My view is that we would rather work directly for the consumer than through a facilities manager. His view is hardly surprising. The system is unlikely to

cilities management is repre-sentative of the way the whole ervice provision market is going, or whether it will remain a small part. Meanwhile, ISS is already reshaping, with increasing focus on servicing specialis

areas such as hospitals — where ISS has added functions, including portering and car park management, to its

at Holte, just outside Copenha ISS that it now works as a subgen, are being trimmed. Mr Schmidt remains an encontractor to the US company brought in as facilities manthusiast for raising standards

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ing so hard. We have lost that battle, but we have not lost the

to buy France's Valeo. its low skill levels and high Europe's largest parts comstaff turnover. He is a keen pany behind Germany's supporter of works councils, and ISS has brought in its own Bosch. "job centres" in an attempt to Valeo has been hit by take ecruit, and then retain, the over speculation following the news that Cerus, its owner There is commercial sense has given its merchant bank ers "a mission of strategic behind the drive to higher reflection regarding its asset portfolio". Cerus is the holdstandards and retaining em-

ployees - cutting staff turnover takes a big chunk out of ing company for the French. oudgets for recruitment. Spanish and eastern Eurotraining and uniforms. pean activities of Italy's CIR, It has not been easy. The group lost a big cleaning conract at Heathrow, for example, because it priced its contract on the basis of paying its workers 25 an hour, rath than its competitor's £3.65. Mr Schmidt reacts with horror to the idea that ISS might have cut its wages to keep the contract. "We have been fight-

part of Carlo De Benedetti's Valeo, which the Paris Bourse values at more than 5.6 billion francs (£727 million), is by far its most valuable asset. Analysts said that Lucas, which is relatively highly geared, would need to issue paper to make a pur-chase of this size. Valeo's share remained steady in heavy trading yesterday, after

a 5 per cent rise on Tuesday.

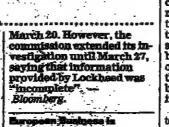
Cerus denied that any decision had been taken on the future of its stake in Valeo. British car components firm Lucas is believed to be among the contenders This totals 28 per cent of the company's capital, though it accounts for 42 per cent of the voting rights. But it did not rule out a sale. In the past, Mr De Benedetti's group has been quick to reject rumours of planned sales of other assets, such as its Italian publishing

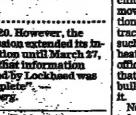
> The group's reported plans to sell Valeo have been linked with its difficulties at Olivetti Last year, Olivetti was forced to ask shareholders for almost £1 billion to cover the losses run up by its personal computer business. But Mr De Benedetti insists that the money is sufficient to meet Olivetti's needs.

Over the past decade, Valeo has been transformed from a small supplier serving mostly its domestic market into a global player in the vehicle onents busin At the halfway point last year, it posted profits of . 584 million on sales of more than £1.7 billion

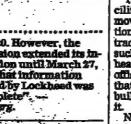


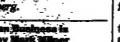
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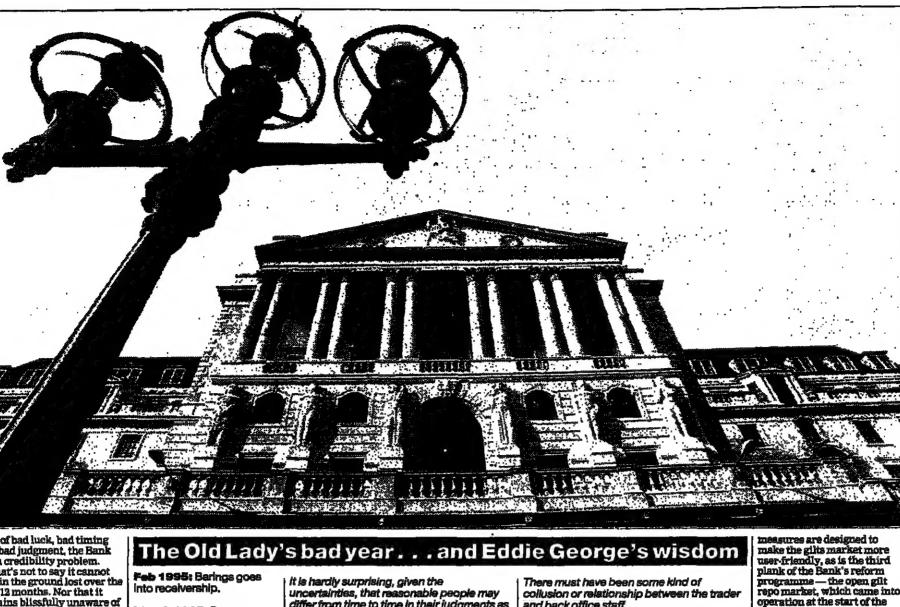
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Rough and tumble at the Bank

LARRY ELLIOTT and MARK **MILNER** look back on 12 months in which the behaviour of one rogue trader and one rogue politician were far from the only crosses the beleaguered **Governor** had to bear



started with a phone ringing in a chalet in a French skiing resort and ended with a few red lines on a graph. Both spelled trouble. The telephone call, which

came exactly a year ago this week, told the Governor that it was bardly worth his un-packing for his week's holiday in the Alps because a young man from Watford, operating out of Singapore, had brought down Britain's oldest merchant bank. The graph, in its latest quarterly inflation report, represented the Old

LL in all, it's been a year to forget for Eddie George. It has a credibility problem. That's not to say it cannot regain the ground lost over the past 12 months. Nor that it remains blissfully unaware of March 1995: Rupert what needs to be done. Steps have been taken in many of the areas of organisational Pennant-Rea resigns. weakness, there have been May 1995: Chancellor says some real successes in its market operations and Mr no to Bank's call for higher interest rates. George's warnings about the dangers of inflation may yet Sept 1995: Governor be vindicated. But it will take stops urging higher rates. time to restore its image. The first part of the Bank's triple whammy came late in February 1995 when news Oct 1995: Governor promises steps to improve broke that Barings had some-

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It is hardly surprising, given the uncertainties, that reasonable people may

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differ from time to time in their judgments as to precisely what course to steer. The really remerkable thing would be if they always agreed. Indeed, that would raise coubts about the credibility of the process. Mansion House speech, May 14, 1995

Central banks don't have divine wisdom. They try to do the best analysis they can and must be prepared to stand or fall by the quality of that analysis.

Guardian and El Mundo Interview, May 22

collusion or relationship between the trader and back office staff.

On Nick Lesson and Barings, February 27 if you want better regulation, you have got to

markets in France and Gertake account of the fact that this kind of witch-hunt every time something goes wrong is going to make it very difficult to find the people to do the job. is hardly a wide enough sup-port base for the Bank. It To Commons Treesury select committee,

a much wider audience. That Getting people to do this job is becoming may well be one key reason damn difficult. How on earth do you think why Mr Davies has been

In perspective . . . the Bank of England has ridden out rough years before. Avoiding scandal, of either the banking or bonking variety, would help to restore its credibility PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SILLITOS

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like his predecessor. Lord Kingsdown, but a tough career banker who is admired rather than loved by his staff. What-ever his personal feelings in the matter, the Governor was unsentimental. Mr Pennant-

Rea had to go. Mr Davies has two advantages over his predecessor. tages over his predecessor. First, he has the experience of running a big organisation, and has already taken steps to bring the Bank's archaic man-agement structure into the 20th century. Second, he can be left to concentrate on supervision, while the Governor pursues his real interest, monetary policy. But it is here, ironically, that the Bank has suffered

most. Despite looking at the economy from every conceiv-able direction to analyse the outlook for inflation, the Bank has not read the economy as well as the Chancellor. Last spring, Kenneth Clarke took the view that the economy was slowing down and that Mr George's call for a half-point rise in base rates was the last

hing it needed. Now this clash — the first spat since the post-ERM framework was set up — took place on the day after the Con servatives had been trounced in last year's local govern-ment elections. It is also true that some Treasury officials at the meeting (all of them, if the Bank is to be believed) were on Mr George's side.

But in retrospect, those fac-tors are irrelevant. Mr Clarke was right, and slowly, not to say grudgingly, the Bank bas been forced to accept as much. year. This last reform brough London more into line with The latest inflation report con-ceded that inflation was stablished practices in bond many and may well make the British bond market more at-tractive to foreign investors. The gilts market, however, more likely than not" to be within the Government's tar-get range in two years' time, and the Bank introduced a new chart attempting to divert attention away from its cends to rebuild its image with tral forecast to a range of pro-

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Lady's admission of defeat in its battle with the Treasury over interest rates. But the Governor's year has

not just been the tale of one rogue trader and one rogue politician. He found himself short of a deputy after Rupert Pennant-Rea's sexual shenani gans with his mistress --- in the Governor's own dressing room at the Bank — were splashed all over the papers. Meanwhile, Mr Pennant-Rea's reorganisation of the Bank proved so damaging to staff morale that Mr George had to promise urgent management reforms.

Things had looked so different in 1994. Then, Mr George was in his pomp, calling the shots over interest rates and looking forward to being given full operational inde pendence over monetary policy. It seemed a question of when, not if. Today, by a mix-

No one will be more delighted than I will be if on for £1 billion as a result of Dec 1995: Bank agrees to we do hit the Inflation target without some Nick Leeson's unauthorised share dealings in the Far East. rate cut. further rise in interest rates. I will happily Mr George sourried back then eat humble pie. Feb 1996: Bank says from France to take charge of Manchester, Sept 18 the rescue bid, but was not Inflation outlook improved. around in the first vital hours after the Bank was told of the positions he had built up. But Commons Treasury and Civil Service committee, about eriousness of the losses by Commerce International case the criticisms of the Bank's role in the affair from the shame-faced Barings execu-tives. It was unfortunate that still fresh in the public mind, the Barings affair was painful witch-hunts. Board of Banking Supervision -- including the absence of on-Subsequently, the Bank's line has been quietly modified. At one level, the Barings flasco has been rationalised. the Governor was there, since, according to Stephen Fay's account of the collapse, and has left scars. Inevitably there were those who questioned whether the Bank had relied too much on site visits to Barings — and Labour's questioning of the Mr Pennant-Res lacked the Howard Davies, the new dep-uty governor designated to beef up supervision, has arclout to exploit the mood of Bank's continued retention of an "old boy network" approach to supervision and not enough on hard-nosed quesdeep shock among the City's financial élite summoned to the role of banking supervisor were a different matter. The pressure on the Bank and the damage to morale by the information uncovered by gued that the occasional bank collapse is inevitable and perthe Bank that Friday aftertions about what was really noon. The Bank's intitial response going on. Headlines like "Blame the haps even healthy, since it imto Barings was that it was a question of simple fraud Bank, says Leeson" were no doubt easy enough to shrug the investigations into the Barings collapse in the UK proves watchfulness and over all standards. Even so, and Singapore were demon-strated publicly by Mr George's anguished complaint practical steps are being taken to increase the number and rather than a failure of regula off. Mr Leeson was scarcely in tion or supervision. But that was for public consumption. a position to accuse the Bank of incompetence in unwinding quality of supervisors. The Bank's main area of the huge, loss-making trading | when giving evidence to the With the Bank of Credit and

when you go through this kind of procedure every time there is a problem? Every time there is a problem there is a great Investigation --- you want blood." Ditto

> work has been the govern-ment debt market. At a time when London's equity-trading community is deeply at odds with itself over whether to switch from a quote to an order-driven system, the biggest struggle in the gilts mar-ket is in keeping up with a Bank-inspired reform proramme whose components

are high on many participants' wish lists. Gilt issuance has been made more transparent. A gilts "strip" market — where the capital and interest on govern-ment bonds can be traded sep-arately — is on the way. Both

ight in. His arrival has no wrong: seeing inflation been universally welcomed among senior officials who be risks where there were none In policy terms, this means lieve, almost certainly corthat once more the Treasury rectly, that the able and ambi-tious former director-general rules the roost. The minutes of the monthly meetings which it was assumed would of the CBI has his eyes on the top job at the Bank. He is, of shackle the Chancellor — are course, not the only one. However, Mr Davies was recruited after Mr Pennant-Rea stepped into the limelight for a second time within a month, Amid some rather pre dictable headlines, details of his affair with a freelance

journalist emerged three weeks after the Barings col-lapse. Whether or not there was coupling on the Governor's carpet, Mr Pennant-Rea following his zealous reorganisation, had few friends at

the Bank. More importantly, he was in danger of becoming a figure of fun. Mr George is not a hands-off gentleman banker wise.

now seen as an embarrass. ment for the Governor. There is little talk of operational independence, particularly since the prospects of a single currency — about which the Governor is highly sceptical -have receded. The Bank has ridden out rough times before during its 302-year history. Today, the past 12 months may look to have been among the rough-

est. But perspectives can change. A politically-driven pre-election boom would do wonders for the Bank's credibility. So would avoiding scandals, supervisory or other-

